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# TAXI PRICE HIKE NOT A FARE DEAL

Fears elderly will be unable to afford cost of travel

AGE Concern has rapped out a stark warning on the impact to the elderly of plans to send taxi fares across Swale rocketing well in excess of the current rate of inflation.

A meeting tomorrow is set to rubber-stamp proposals which will see a seven per cent increase in fares and discuss a new higher flat-rate call-out charge to outlying areas.

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

And that has prompted Faversham Age Concern to warn it could leave OAPs who rely on taxis to become housebound.

Rising fuel prices have been blamed for an expected rise in taxi fares across Swale, which will mean customers paying some of the highest fares in the county over short distances.

Rural customers living in outlying

villages could be hit even harder, with a proposal to introduce a call out charge of between £3 and £5 – a fixed charge to be added to the fare before the metre is running – for fares from remote areas.

The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles Committee will meet tomorrow, Thursday, and decide whether to increase fares.

Council officers have recommended the rise in costs is accepted by members to help taxi firms cope with rising

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Picture: PAUL ROBERTSON

## PETROL COSTS ARE AFFECTING US ALL

Short distance taxi journeys across Swale could attract the highest fees in the county – if plans to hike up rates are approved this week. But what do you think of the proposals?

Are the costs justified given the rise in petrol costs? And will prices reduce as the oil price settles?

Let us know your views and how such a rise will impact on you. Email [yourswale@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:yourswale@kosmedia.co.uk) or write to: The Editor, Yourswale, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeth, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6SR.

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# Some landlords rue smoking ban but others now breathe easy

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A YEAR with the smoking ban has produced "winners and losers" according to Faversham's Shepherd Neame brewery, which earlier this year predicted a rough 2008 for the pub trade.

The company made its gloomy prediction in March, after posting its interim results for the six months to December 29 last year.

The brewery saw a 3.7 per cent increase in turnover to £52.4m, but pre-tax profits fell 2.3 per cent to £4.7m.

But despite this Sheps says it is confident about the long term future of its pubs.

A spokesman said: "There have been winners and losers in the year since the smoking ban came into force.

"Licensees who have developed and come up with a point of difference remain successful and are in a strong position to face a challenging economic environment.

"Across the country, all retail businesses including pubs have suffered, not just as a result of the ban but also because of rising costs, the squeeze on consumer spending and even poor weather."

Louise Neary and Shaun Wheelen are first-time licensees who took on the Chequers in Doddington. Neither has ever smoked. The pub has become a local success story, after years of decline, and the new landlords say this is in no small part due to the smoking ban.

Mrs Neary said: "The ban was the big factor in taking on our own pub.

"There is no way I would have come into it otherwise. It's one thing working in a pub and going home but



**CLEAR AIR:** Louise Neary and Shaun Wheelen at the Chequers in Doddington

I could not have lived with it 24/7, with smoke drifting up through the ceiling into the living areas."

But other Swale landlords tell a different story. Trudie Gannon, of Gannon's Halfway House, between Minster and Sheerness, said the ban "absolutely has damaged trade" and represents "another nail in the coffin" for the industry.

Steve Nanson, landlord of the Fountain pub in Station Street, Sittingbourne, said the ban had been "dreadful" for business, estimating trade is down 15 to 20 per cent as a direct result and that he is "considering his options" for the future.

He said: "What with the recent price increases too, it gets you very despondent and disillusioned."

Mr Nanson said he had spent about £5,000 on a new patio, heater, lights and a five-metre square umbrella - "a large outlay for a loss in trade".

The law introduced on July 1, last year, made virtually all enclosed public places and workplaces in England smoke free.

## Taxi fare hike alarms elderly

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costs at the pumps. The move will see fares for short journeys of about two miles rise to £5.70 - in doing so, becoming the most expensive in Kent. In Canterbury, the same journey would cost £5.20.

A spokesman for Faversham Age Concern said: "Although older people in Swale have free travel on the buses, many are not able to walk to the bus stop, mount the bus or carry their shopping, and so rely on taxis.

"If the proposals to sharply increase taxi fares for short journeys go ahead, it could raise serious concerns for older people.

"A proposed fixed charge of £3 to £5 would hit people in our rural areas very hard. The phrase 'rural areas' needs to be clearly defined as this charge would make taxi travel prohibitive to many."

The fixed charge will not be voted on at tomorrow's meeting, as initial inquiries by council officers found such charges cannot be applied under Hackney Carriage legislation.

Advice is now being sought. Bookings made by telephone may also attract an added charge of 10p.

And fares could rise still further in the coming months. With the cost of fuel increasing, committee members are expected to pass a further motion calling for the fare structure to be reviewed every six months instead of every year.

Other items at tomorrow's meeting include a potential ban on drivers wearing sports clothing with logos.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Hall under siege

A HISTORIC Army building could be sold off under Ministry of Defence plans released this month.

The Drill Hall in Preston Street, which is used by the Army Cadets and Sea Cadets, could be sold after officials were told it would cost £1 million to return it to a decent standard. The hall was given to the War Office in 1874 by the Church Commissioners.

### Jack's solo voyage

JUST one day after his final GCSE exam, Jack Daly set sail on a solo trip around the British Isles.

The Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School pupil finished his final GCSE on June 20 and raised anchor from Ramsgate harbour 24 hours later. The voyage will take six weeks.

Jack said: "It's going to be fantastic to see all the different coastlines."

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# We really could all be up the Creek ...

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

FAVERSHAM could be under water in just 70 years, according to the World Development Movement which campaigns on climate change.

Much of Sittingbourne and Sheppey will also be swallowed by the waves if the theories – based on data projecting sea level rises provided by NASA – are correct.

The organisation has produced a map which shows how the county could look 72 years hence – and it will take more than a pair of wellies and an umbrella to save our town.

The group's forecast comes after analysing current levels of emissions, which suggest the sea level off the county's coast could rise by 74cm as a result of global warming, causing greater rainfall and more frequent storm surges.

However, the projections do not take into account the possibility of melting ice from the polar regions, which would worsen the problem.

The World Development Movement is now calling for urgent action to combat global warming in order to prevent a nightmare scenario which would see seawater breaching defences and rolling unchecked across low-lying land.

If this happened, large parts of north Kent marsh could be left under water, including much of the Isle of Sheppey, and the marshes north of Faversham.

Thousands of homes would also be flooded and road communications wrecked, the group warns.

Other parts of the county at risk include land between Ramsgate and Deal, and Romney



**WATER WORLD:** How climate change could alter our coastline before the end of this century – unless action is taken now

Marsh. Campaigner Leila Deen said: "Climate change is a very local issue in Kent and is not just something that is going to happen to other people far away.

"But climate change is not inevitable. We can change the shape of the map we have produced – if we campaign together and make the Government act."

The World Development Movement also points to a correlation between poverty and flood risk, as highlighted by the new map.

Ms Deen said: "There is a significant overlap between areas at risk of flooding and areas of poverty in Kent. The worst effects of climate change will be felt by the poorest both globally, and the poorest people in the county."

There are about 44,000 properties in Kent at risk of coastal flooding, and a further 26,000 from rivers flooding.

Climate change is increasing those risks, according to the World Development Movement.

## War casualties need our cash, says Robertson

SOLDIERS wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan should be supported through public donations to service charities, says Faversham MP Hugh Robertson.

The call comes following a debate secured by the MP over the compensation payable to Lance Corporal Compton, who was injured in Afghanistan in 2006.

Mr Robertson said: "One of the consequences of fighting two prolonged conflicts is that, sadly, we are going to have injured servicemen and women who will need care for some time to come.

"It is vital that the Government plays its part in full. However, there will always be a need for the voluntary and charitable sector to work in support and alongside state provision.

"The work done by organisations such as the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association, the Royal British Legion and the service and regimental charities is vital in this regard and I urge everyone to give them their support."

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## Arden ready to welcome funnymen

COMEDY fans can now look online for the latest talent appearing at the Arden Theatre.

Richard Coughlan, creator of stand-up promotions company Comedy Inc, has returned to his home town, Faversham, to bring frequent comedy performances to the stage in a joint venture with the Leslie Smith Drive-based theatre.

Together with Mr Coughlan himself, other acts will include Jim Jeffries on Friday, alongside Nick Cowen and Russell Kane.

Jeffries is an international stand-up who has appeared in Canada, Asia, South Africa, Europe and the UK.

Comedy Inc, which started in December 2007, is scheduling regular performances at the Arden with similar headliners carving out a name for themselves on the comedy circuit.

It is hoped by serving up a steady diet of laughs, the town can establish itself as a key venue on the UK's comedy map.

Comedy Inc also organises shows at the Albany Theatre in Deptford and the Beacon Court Tavern in Gillingham. To book tickets, call 01795 531600 or 01795 533159 or visit [www.ardentheatre.co.uk](http://www.ardentheatre.co.uk).

## Labour attacks former pub site care home plan

PROPOSALS for a new care home on the edge of Faversham have been attacked as "unsuitable" by opponents.

The plans would see a home built on the Duke of Kent pub site, close to junction seven of the M2.

But the Faversham and Swale East branch Labour Party has described the plans as "unpleasant and inconvenient".

It argues the site is too far away from the town centre for residents, would provide them with poor views and would be difficult to access for visitors, except for those in cars.

The abandoned former Duke of Kent pub is near the Brenley Corner roundabout, on the busy A299 Thanet Way, close to Farming World.

The Labour group says the care

home should instead be built near the centre of the town for the benefit of future residents.

Spokesman Ross Shimon said: "The site is in something of a hollow, with no views from any garden area that may be provided."

Other considerations, such as visitor access, have been acknowledged and the local Labour Party argues that visitors could only access the home by car.

Party members say their concerns are for the residents, their families and the site, which could be used for a better purpose.

Mr Shimon said: "We are firmly in favour of care homes with good facilities and recognise the need for more places in the Faversham area, as the population ages. But the Duke of Kent site is clearly unsuitable for a care home."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Refuge remodelled to mark 25 years of caring

A WOMEN'S refuge in Canterbury has been relaunched with remodelled flats to celebrate 25 years of providing a safe haven for women and children.

The new building will provide 12 self-contained flats for women affected by domestic abuse, including facilities for therapy and childcare.

Owned and operated by Casa Support, a member of the AmicusHorizon Group, the renovation was funded by a government grant.

## Silver tongues and oiled vocal chords talk it out

TOP debating voices from Barton Court Grammar School are preparing for the national final of the Institute of Ideas and Pfizer Debating Matters competition which starts tomorrow.

A team of young people from the school will be discussing difficult issues such as organ donation, drugs and immigration.

The three-day debating marathon is open to sixth formers across the country.

The competition runs until Saturday in London.

## Flying vet will come to you to ease the stress

VETERINARY services are going mobile with AmbuVet in and around Canterbury.

Vet Gill Strauss is providing a new service, treating pets in their own home, in a bid to ease the stress of a visit to the vet.

For any instances where a hospital or operating theatre is required, AmbuVet also offers a transport service to the local veterinary hospital.

Mrs Strauss said: "If I can take the stress out of visiting the vet, then I really feel that I am doing a good job."

## Green roof caps off the award for construction

CONSTRUCTION company Coombs has won an award at the annual Built In Quality Awards ceremony.

The company, based in Canterbury, was presented with an award for Best Sustainability Innovation for the construction of the North Cray Neighbourhood Centre in Sidcup.

The firm received the award at the Oval cricket ground for the development, which incorporated designs like a sedum roof and timber cladding from a sustainable forest.

## Take your hats off to a troop of knitting stars

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

EVERY British soldier in Afghanistan will receive a woolly hat this Christmas if an army of dedicated knitters rallied by the Canterbury Royal Marines Association reaches its target.

Organiser Anne Taylor has been amazed by the response she has received so far, and her ever-growing army of knitters has already made more than 2,000 hats.

There are nearly 8,000 servicemen and women serving in Afghanistan.

Mrs Taylor said: "As a result of the articles in your sister paper Yourcanterbury I was contacted by Let's Knit knitting magazine who have also run an article about the hats."

"It has now gone countywide and we have people from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland knitting and sending wool for the knitters here to continue the good work."

"Our initial goal was 2,000 but with the

enormous response we have already had, we hope to have a hat for every member of the British Forces serving in Afghanistan."

Temperatures in Afghanistan can drop as low as minus 20, so headgear is vital if soldiers are to stay warm.

But woolly hats are not the only things that will be winging their way to troops at the front this Christmas.

The association is also preparing shoeboxes of useful items to make soldiers' lives more comfortable in the harsh conditions.

The association has been sending shoeboxes since 2006, and the numbers go up each year.

Each one is packed with food, toiletries and messages of support to troops.

Mrs Taylor said she is very grateful for the help so far, and has appealed for yet more wool and knitters to help achieve their target.

She said: "I would like to thank the ladies of Kent for taking the time to knit these wonder-



**EAGER BEAVERS:** Anne Taylor with some of the knitters and the hats which will go to British troops in Afghanistan

ful hats, and also the ladies that have donated wool.

"We still need donations of wool and knitters so if they are interested, they can contact me on 01634 868704 or email me at [anne@rmshoebox.com](mailto:anne@rmshoebox.com) or [anne@annemarietaylor.force9.co.uk](mailto:anne@annemarietaylor.force9.co.uk)."



## REGGIE PERRIN LIVES AGAIN

The Rise and Fall of Reginald Perrin came back to life on Saturday in Whitstable, when 50 Reggie's descended on the beach to recreate the opening scene of the iconic 70s' sitcom.

And we were there to capture it for you to relive on our free, broadband TV website, [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

The performance was part of the Whitstable 2008 Biennale art festival.

It was the idea of artist Lee Campbell who had appealed for volunteers to strip off and run into the sea discarding their clothes, belongings and problems of everyday life.

Volunteers from all walks of life were among the strippers, in the hope that they could follow in the footsteps of the disheartened Sunshine Deserts executive. One bather was a lawyer from Essex who told KOS Media he was fed up with his lot, claiming "it's all totally pointless".

There was standing room only as hundreds crowded the town's beach. Some onlookers were delighted by the display, while others were left bewildered. To see more about the event at the festival, log onto [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk) and visit the leisure channel.

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**VERY HAPPY:** Sid Moss and Barry Pearson say the NHS has looked after them well over the past 60 years

# We should all be proud of our free NHS

THE NHS celebrates its 60th anniversary this week after providing free health care to millions of people.

Introduced in the aftermath of World War Two by Clement Attlee's Labour government, it was part of a "cradle to grave" welfare state intended for use by everyone.

When the reforms were put in place, health minister Aneurin Bevan stated, "we now have the moral leadership of the world".

Barry Pearson, 63, and Sid Moss, 79, both from Sittingbourne, both wanted to praise the NHS for the treatment and security it provides.

Mr Pearson, originally from south London, can still recall first using the service.

He said: "I was quite susceptible to accidents when I was younger.

"I used to play in the local park and I fell over a few times, I cut my head once when I fell off the seesaw.

"I can remember being taken in a pushchair by my mother straight through the park to the nearby King's College Hospital, not far from where we lived, which was lucky."

Asked about the state of the NHS today Mr Pearson, a retired insurance broker, said: "I think it's one of the best things that any politician or political party has ever done.

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

"I remember my father used to have to pay 6d when the doctor came and that was a lot of money, so the NHS changed our way of life really.

"I know we're having problems now, what with interest rates going up and so on, but when compared with how much you have to pay for health care in the rest of the world you realise just how lucky we are.

"I used to work for an American company and that's one of the major issues when looking for a job in the States, health cover, as the employer pays for it."

Sid Moss, who was born in 1929 in Lower Halstow, remembers the days before the modern health service first started.

"When I was a boy we all belonged to the National Deposit Friendly Society, which paid our doctors' bills and cost a few pence a week. So it was a jolly good thing for us when the NHS came out.

"I myself retired at 64 with arthritis and I've been looked after very, very well. I'm lucky to have a good doctor and have never been refused any operations.

"I've got an artificial leg and a knee joint that's been fused together and at the moment I'm pain free, without taking any painkillers."

## Britain's health care is still envy of the world

ON July 5, 1948, Minister of Health Nye Bevan launched one of the first health services in the world to the British people, with the aim of providing health care "free at the point of use".

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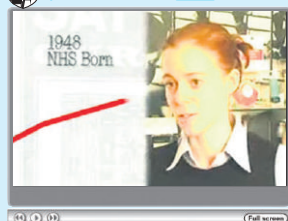
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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Heartless pet owner dumps sick hamster

A HAMSTER had to be put down after it was found dumped in a box in a Canterbury street last week.

Its cruel owner left the suffering creature in Regency Place – just off the Sturry Road.

The creature was in a critical condition, suffering from a tumour, eye infections and breathing problems.

RSPCA inspector Miranda Albinson: "This poor hamster was suffering terribly. It is an offence to dump an animal like this and we would like to hear from anyone who knows who left it here."

Statistics show an increase in animal cruelty over the years with investigations by the RSPCA going over a 100,000 a year.

It is an offence to neglect an animal which can lead to pets being confiscated, bans on keeping animals, and a maximum of 51 weeks in prison and a £20,000 fine.

The RSPCA are calling for any information regarding the hamster's former owner.

If you have any information, call in confidence 0300 1234 999.

## Staff in bookmakers threatened with knife

A KNIFE-wielding thug escaped with £100 in cash after threatening staff at a Whitstable bookmaker.

The man went into Coral's bookmakers in St John's Road at 8pm on Monday, June 23, and demanded money from staff.

He flashed a knife to staff serving behind the counter, who handed over about £100 before the man left and headed towards Chestfield train station.

He is described as aged 20 to 30 and wearing a black padded jacket with AIR written on the back. He had a hooded top with the hood up and a scarf across his face.

## Forum for landlords

LANDLORDS from across Canterbury district are being invited to a forum to discuss housing issues on Monday.

The event, in the Keynes Lecture Theatre at the University of Kent, is free of charge. Issues being covered include accreditation, tenancy deposits and use of section 21 notices. There is also a session on Energy Performance Certificates, which, from October, a landlord with a new tenant moving in will have to provide.

There will be presentations from expert speakers, followed by question and answer sessions. It starts at 5pm. For details, contact Emma Manwaring on 01227 862237 or email [emma.manwaring@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:emma.manwaring@canterbury.gov.uk).



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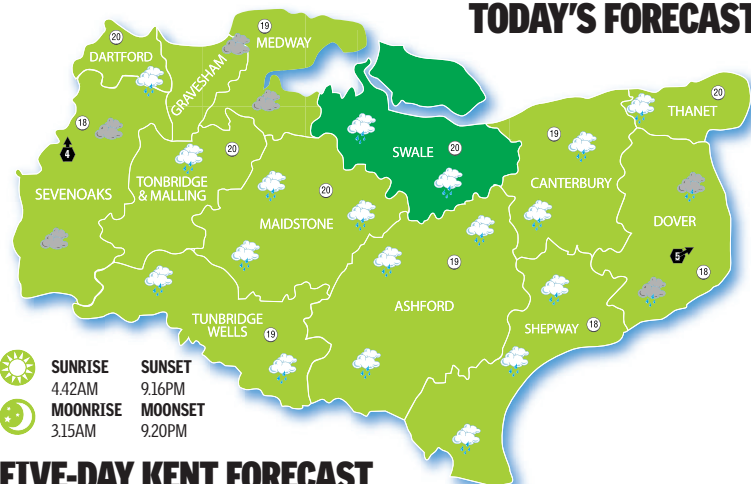
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	Sunday	2:28pm	6.0m
Dover	Saturday	11:57am	6.5m
	Sunday	12:49pm	6.6m
Dungeness	Saturday	11:54am	7.4m
	Sunday	12:42pm	7.5m
Ramsgate	Saturday	12:27pm	5.0m
	Sunday	1:19pm	5.1m
Sheerness	Saturday	1:27pm	5.6m
	Sunday	2:18pm	5.7m
Whitstable	Saturday	1:34pm	5.2m
	Sunday	2:25pm	5.3m



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Faversham	22°C	21°C	19°C	19°C	20°C	Sittingbourne	22°C	21°C	19°C	19°C	20°C
Folkestone	22°C	17°C	16°C	18°C	19°C	Tonbridge	26°C	19°C	19°C	20°C	21°C
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**BLENDING IN:** Lodges are designed to fit the landscape

## Fitness centre at this new retreat

A NEW development for luxury second homes will be open for viewing this weekend.

The homes are all for private sale and set within a 23-acre park called Pilgrim's Retreat in Harrietsham, near Maidstone, with prices starting at £149,750.

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A spokesman for management company Britannia Parks said: "The exteriors of these 'lodge style' homes have been architecturally designed to suit their countryside setting and ensure they blend in with the local landscape."

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### STIOUX PETO



**Q** Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

**A** I run an art and design studio called LB Graphics, specialising in creative design solutions for small companies ([www.lbgraphics.co.uk](http://www.lbgraphics.co.uk)). I am also studying at Canterbury College for a BA in fine art and have one more year left. In my spare time I help run Polka Dot Art Centre in Teynham with Colin Barnard and am involved with Swale arts.

**Q** What first interested you in art and design?

**A** I have always been interested ever since I was small, so I know nothing else.

**Q** What is your favourite or preferred method of art?

**A** It changes as I develop, but I love experimenting with found materials – assemblage describes my work best. I'm involved with plastic bottles and aluminium cans at the moment. I like my art to have a message and bring about an awareness, now it's waste and its effects on our environment. Here in Kent we have some of the most beautiful land and seascapes anywhere in the country, but litter is a problem we need to address. I believe art can cross barriers other subjects cannot.

**Q** What is the most extravagant or unusual thing you have created?

**A** I am at the moment making a giant chandelier out of plastic bottles and I love it, it's

for my end of year show. I just hope it lives up to my expectations.

**Q** What do you hope you can achieve with your skills in future?

**A** I'm not sure, I hope to get my BA in the immediate future, which should help further my long term development. But I tend to live from day to day and just go with the flow!

**Q** What do you think of the cultural and artistic life of Swale?

**A** For a long time the area had been unsupported and abandoned, but at last something is happening. There are loads of really talented people here who had nothing to do or nowhere to go, but we are now finding them.

We hold artists' meetings in the Red Lion Pub in Sittingbourne High Street on the first Monday of each month at 8pm. They are very informal, we just sit around and get to know each other. We have already put on a couple of events as a result and plan more.

I really believe the time is right and we now have the beginnings of a real art and cultural community in the Swale area. Lots of the smaller groups are working together for the benefit of the community and not just themselves.

The Swale Arts Forum is leading the way, if there are any groups who want to get involved with us please go to [www.swaleartsforum.org.uk](http://www.swaleartsforum.org.uk), there is strength in numbers.

The Polka Dot Art Centre in Teynham is a great place to visit, we have loads of leaflets

and information on local art events, great gallery space to rent out at reasonable rates and of course fantastic local art, all of which is on sale. The artists we show all come from within the Swale area. Colin Barnard, a very talented sculptor who owns the space, has revamped the gallery and it has a full programme of events for this year ([www.polkadot-art.co.uk](http://www.polkadot-art.co.uk) for more details).

**Q** Where can people see your work exhibited?

**A** I am showing my work at the Cantiana ArtsFest on Saturday at Lynsted, followed by the Celebration of Swale Culture on October 11 in Sittingbourne – for details see [www.swalearts.co.uk](http://www.swalearts.co.uk).

**Q** What do you like to do when you're not working?

**A** I am always working, but I am lucky – my work is my life. I do enjoy walking, I have a dog who just wants to have fun, it's great for clearing the head and filling it again with more ideas. Plus I just love the Kent countryside, whatever the season.


**Q** Tell us something that people don't tend to know about you.

**A** I love frogs but all my friends know that anyway! I would also like to thank everyone I have worked with recently for all their support, it's a real pleasure. Swale art and culture is alive and kicking.


The Sittingbourne artist took the time to speak to **James Alexandre** about the revitalisation of Swale arts, experimenting with used materials to pass on a vital message and her love of frogs.






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# Veterans ready to take the salute at Dockyard

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

MORE than a thousand ex-servicemen from across Kent will converge on Chatham Historic Dockyard on Saturday to mark the second annual Veterans' Day.

The commemorative occasion has been chosen as the MoD Veterans Agency's flagship event in the South East and gives former Armed Forces personnel and their guests the chance to recognise the service and sacrifices made by their lost comrades and colleagues.

The day will also celebrate Kent TA100 – the 100th anniversary of the founding of the modern Territorial Army.

Both occasions aim to remember the efforts of veterans young and old who served in conflicts dating from the Second World War through to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Event organiser Bill Fowler said: "Veterans' Day at the Historic Dockyard will be an occasion for the entire community to come together in recognition of all our veterans – the older generation from the Second World War, the National Servicemen who sweated through the many bush wars, right through to the nations' sons and daughters of today who are doing the job in so many locations around the world."

The emotive day will start with a morning service in the Royal Dockyard church, followed by a range of displays and activities



ON THE MARCH: The Royal Marines Band at last year's Veterans' Day event in Chatham

from the armed forces. Highlights include the Royal Engineers' drive-a-digger attraction, a climbing wall manned by the Army Cadet Force and infantry displays with the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment.

Mr Fowler said: "Many of the per-

sonnel present at the displays will have recently returned from operations around the world and this event will be the best possible occasion for the public to meet them, talk to them, and to recognise them for the often difficult job they do so

## DISPLAYS AND ACTIVITIES

- Drive-a-digger with the Royal Engineers
- Field hospital display with the Royal Naval and Royal Marines Reserves
- Mine-detecting with the Army Divers
- The Army Cadet Force climbing wall
- An inflatable assault course for children
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well. We may have our own views on the politics behind the reasons for our troops being deployed, but they still deserve our support.

"This is as much a day for the public as it is for veterans and current service personnel."

Veterans' Day and Kent TA100 celebrations take place from 10am.

Access to the daytime events is free to all veterans, former HM Dockyard staff and to serving members of the armed forces, with special offers available for their guests.

The dockyard galleries and attractions are open as usual.

Full details of all ticketing arrangements can be obtained by phoning 01634 823800, or by visiting [www.thedockyard.co.uk](http://www.thedockyard.co.uk).

## Enjoy the sun but don't risk your licence

THE light evenings and warm weather make this one of the busiest times of year for catching those driving under the influence of drink or drugs, say Kent police.

More than 120 motorists have been arrested across the county since a police blitz started two weeks ago.

A total of 753 drivers has been stopped and breath-tested by officers from the roads policing unit.

Acting Sergeant Mark Lamb, from the force's senior collision investigation unit, said: "People finish work while it's still light and warm and it's very tempting to stop off on the way home to socialise with friends and have a drink.

"There's nothing wrong with that, as long as the drink isn't alcoholic if you've then got to drive home."

Motorists caught under the influence of drugs or alcohol can face a driving ban, a fine of up to £5,000 or even be jailed.

Police said driving bans for one of more years can lead to an increase in insurance premiums, the risk of job loss, a criminal record and difficulty getting a visa when travelling to some countries.

A police spokeswoman said: "The long and light evenings and warmer weather mean people sometimes drop their guard and take risks they might not normally take. They spend longer socialising with barbecues, picnics and outside entertaining, which all adds up to longer periods of drinking."

Two people are killed on Kent's roads each week and statistics show that one in six of the deaths is because of driving under the influence.

Since the launch of the campaign the division with highest number of arrests, with 37, has been mid Kent, which covers Maidstone and Swale. The second highest for drink and drug-driving offences was Medway, with 29.



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# 'Failing' schools defended

BY JENNA PUDELEK

A LEADING Kent politician has attacked the Schools Secretary over a recent "naming and shaming" of more than 30 schools said to be "failing" across the county.

Ed Balls launched the National Challenge earlier this month which included a list of 638 schools nationally where 30 per cent of pupils fail to get A\* to C grades at GCSE, including maths and English.

Schools face closure or could be turned into academies if they fail to improve by 2011.

Cllr Chris Wells, Kent County Council's cabinet member for education, wrote a letter to Mr Balls criticising the "questionable focus" of the strategy last week.

He told this newspaper he felt compelled to write because "someone had to tell him".

The list included 33 Kent schools, the most of all local authorities, which was put down to the county's selective system because the top 25 per cent of pupils go to grammar schools.

"I wonder if you truly understand the damage you are doing to the morale of teachers, headteachers and even pupils," he questioned in the letter.

Cllr Wells told Mr Balls that the authority had been inundated with letters of support from parents for Kent schools on the list.



**UNDER SCRUTINY:** Chapter School in Strood is one of seven 'failing' schools named in Medway by Ed Balls

"Stories that use emotive terms such as 'failing', 'closures' and 'struggling' do absolutely nothing to stimulate confidence among teachers, pupils and parents.

"In fact, each group has spoken out en masse in response to the questionable focus of your National Challenge," he said.

He called on Mr Balls to "stop this divisive campaign in the press" calling it a "political point scoring exercise".

Cllr Wells defended the county's schools, which he said had "an exemplary education system".

"I am also surprised you have not checked your facts," he wrote. "The schools in Kent you so boldly announced as struggling at floor level are in actual fact thriving and constantly improving."

He said two of the Kent schools listed had

been described as outstanding in the latest Ofsted inspection and another 14 were classed as good. Cllr Wells said he expected all schools listed to have exceeded the 30 per cent target by 2011.

He also criticised the Government's academy programme. "The school I am most concerned about reaching this [target] is an academy, which if I recall correctly is the Government's flagship scheme for turning around failing schools. I am still waiting to see the results," he wrote.

A spokeswoman said the KCC was yet to hear back from Mr Balls or the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

The Government is focusing greater attention, help and resources on schools that are not meeting the target with funding of £400 million.

# Landscape feels wind of change on turbines

WIND farms are an important part of the future of power generation and will help to reduce energy bills, according to Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

Kent is in the forefront of the development of wind turbines with offshore wind farms in the Thames Estuary already operating and large scale proposals put forward for an area near Marden.

Romney Marsh is the site of a massive £50 million development and controversial plans are being mooted for a scheme at East Langdon, near Dover.

The massive structures would dominate the landscape of much of the Weald and the Marsh wind farm – due to be in operation next year – would be the most visible feature for miles in each direction.

Last week Mr Brown won a narrow Commons vote which will speed up the planning process for wind turbines – which opponents say are inefficient, cause environmental damage and are an eyesore.

Some plans have been held up by objections from civil aviation authorities and the Ministry of Defence but these will now be settled outside the existing planning and appeal structure.

Protesters say this could mean objections will not get a proper hearing.

But in order to achieve a 15 per cent renewable energy target by 2020, the Government said 4,000 onshore turbines are required, along with 3,000 offshore.

The Kent Weald Action Group has been angered by the plans for a turbine taller than St Paul's Cathedral in the middle of the county.

Chairman John Webley said: "The turbine is being built in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – and one which does not receive all that much wind.

"It will be visible from as far as Sevenoaks on one side and Tenterden on the other."

# Forecourt price hikes fuel leap in petrol thefts

FUEL theft has risen dramatically across the county as prices at the petrol pumps continue to soar, new figures show.

Kent police say there has been a 24 per cent increase in reports of motorists driving off without paying for fuel, compared with last year.

Figures obtained by our sister paper Kent on Sunday reveal there were 896 such offences between January and May – up from 730 during the same period last year.

Meanwhile, siphoning theft has risen from 89 offences in January to May 2007 to 123

this year – an increase of nearly 40 per cent.

In the 12 months to June, the average price of a litre of diesel has risen by 40 per cent to £1.32, while the average price for petrol is £1.18.

And the Tunbridge Wells-based Freight Transport Association (FTA) warned that fuel theft could escalate further.

"The higher the price of fuel gets the more incidents there will be," said spokesman Geoff Dossetter.

The South East National Farmers' Union said members had reported an increase in

thefts of red diesel, which is used to power farm equipment.

Petrol giant BP said it loses more than £1 million a year nationally through motorists driving off without paying. Brian Macdowall, Kent spokesman for the Association of British Drivers, said: "Soaring fuel prices will force garage owners to insist on pre-payment to combat rising levels of crime at the pump."

He raised concerns that if fuel prices continued to soar, small petrol stations could be forced to close.

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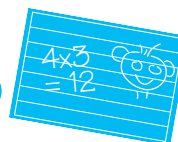
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## BREAK TIME

## Standards are rising at South Avenue

SOUTH Avenue Infant School has achieved a "good" rating in its latest Ofsted report, which found standards are improving.

Assessors said pupils achieve well in reading, writing and maths, with good opportunities to develop their sporting skills, while nurturing their personal development and behaviour.

The Sittingbourne school, which has 164 mixed pupils aged from five to seven, has improved teaching by introducing new assessment arrangements.

The report said the school's curriculum strikes a good balance between the teaching of skills and pupils' creativity. There is a very good range of extra-curricular activities.

The teaching is lively and captures children's interest, although there are a few inconsistencies when work is not matched to the needs of less able pupils. There are also good levels of care, support and guidance, with a well-thought-out programme of assemblies, visits and other events.

Despite starting school with abilities below the level expected, pupils are given a good start through the staff's high standards of care and focus on language.

By the time they reach year one, most have achieved expected levels, although standards overall are below average.

Relationships at all levels are excellent and pupils feel valued, knowing adults have their best interests at heart. Pupils understand what is expected of them, behave well and work cooperatively.

The report also praises headteacher Lesley Murray, who it says has established a strong team spirit among the staff and created a "very positive and cooperative working environment".

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# As money-making ideas go, this one's the tops

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

BOTTLE tops are being collected by pupils at Highsted Grammar School to help raise money to buy wheelchairs for charities and special schools across Kent.

The plastic from the lids is then melted down and sold on, with the proceeds going towards the good cause.

The idea is being led by newly qualified teacher Emma Bushell and her form 10iis, who have been co-ordinating the collection of the tops at the Sittingbourne girls' grammar school.

Miss Bushell, who teaches design and technology, said: "It is such a common habit when something runs out to screw back on the lid of an empty bottle and throw it into the bin."

"Well, I am asking everyone at the school to stop and think. Next time you finish that bottle of fizzy drink, save the lid, collect a few and hand them in to me."

"The summer holiday is coming, so this is a great time to start collecting. It is so easy. We are doing our bit for the environment and also helping someone who may not be able to afford a wheelchair of their own."

The tops are not restricted to drinks bottles. Those for washing-up liquid, shampoo, jam jars, milk and juice cartons, and most household cleaning products can be used too.

Five black sacks full of tops are enough to buy one wheelchair and the school has collected enough for two chairs so far.

Laura Martin, 14, and Andrea White, 15, who are both in Miss Bushell's form, said: "We think it is a great idea to recycle these plastic lids and know it is going to really benefit some-



IN THE BAG: Laura (left) and Andrea (right) join Emma Bushell in collecting tops to help raise money for wheelchairs

one who needs a wheelchair."

Highsted has now been joined by other schools across the county in collecting tops.

The tops are taken to Rochester Health Centre, where staff pass them on to Gillingham-based engineering company Delphi, who melt down and re-use the plastic.

The centre has collected enough bottle tops for 18 wheelchairs since the beginning of the year. The chairs are being given to Age Concern, Scope and special schools in Gravesend, Medway and Dover. To find out more about the scheme, contact Sarah at Rochester Health Centre on 07958 375233.

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## Open Golf at Royal Birkdale

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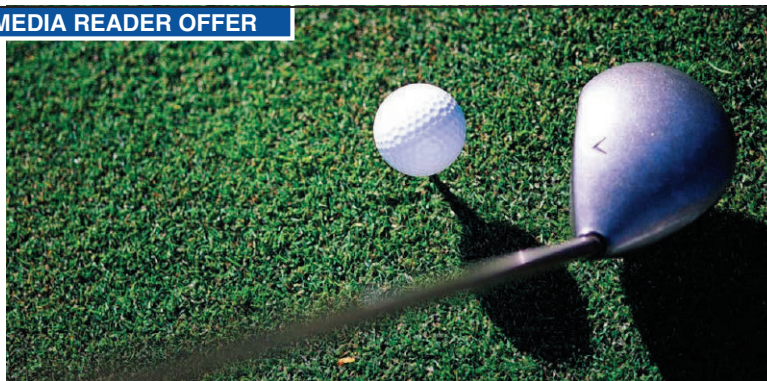
Golf's best known names including last year's victor Pádraig Harrington\* will descend on Royal Birkdale, one of Britain's finest golf clubs. Having previously hosted two Ryder Cups, the Walker and Curtis Cups, the Women's British Open and, on eight occasions, the Open, Royal Birkdale is the perfect setting for the Open this summer.

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## England's absence has relieved some pressure

SO Euro 2008 is at an end. And for many it has come at not a moment too soon. England were not in it, so they reasoned, why bother?

England were not in it, let us not forget, because we were not good enough. If you're not good enough you don't deserve to be there.

Therefore, the last three weeks has actually provided fans with the opportunity to watch matches between teams of the required quality, and a glorious tournament it has been.

The goals have flowed, the talent has been in abundance and the Germans made the final. All key ingredients you expect while watching international football competitions.

As for England's absence... well, personally, it enhanced my enjoyment. There was none of the ridiculous hype leading up to the England games, followed almost immediately by the crushing realism reminding us our national team really aren't as good as the tabloids would have us believe.

I've not only survived not having to endure

an England 0-0 draw with the likes of Luxembourg before we fluke our way in the knock-out stages against an under-strength Moldova, but my blood-pressure has only been raised by genuine excitement.

Normally with England, it rockets as I sit there pondering just quite how a team who earn an annual income of several hundred millions can prove quite so woefully inept.

Then of course, if we do beat the likes of Macedonia or the Faroe Islands, we greet it as though it underlines what world beaters we are. Needless to say, when we face someone half decent, we lose. It may be on penalties or a bad ref decision (they always are aren't they?) but lose we will.

In fact we've made something of a national sport out of it. As we are constantly reminded, it's been 42 years since we last won a major international cup. And the 1966 World Cup followed by the 1990 World Cup semi-final berth and one in Euro 96 is a pretty poor record if we're honest. We also revel in losing. Then we can blame someone else – and more often than

not, football allows us to heap that blame on Johnny Foreigner. And there is perhaps nothing us islanders enjoy doing more. Well, at least for the half-wits who get so wound up.

If we ever actually achieve something which requires the FA to open up their dusty trophy cabinet then imagine how the tabloids would celebrate. It would be as if the British Empire was back. Our gloating will possibly be too much for any other nation: the chances of us ever gaining even a point in future Eurovision Song Contests could be completely scuppered.

But, perhaps more significantly, if we win, the level of expectation which would follow such a triumph would be so great we could be setting ourselves up for one of the greatest downers in history.

So let's rejoice in under-achievement, if for no other reason than the good of our blood pressures.

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HE DAZZLED for England and Arsenal and now he is set to bring some of his stardust to the silver screen as Ian Wright fulfils a life-long dream.

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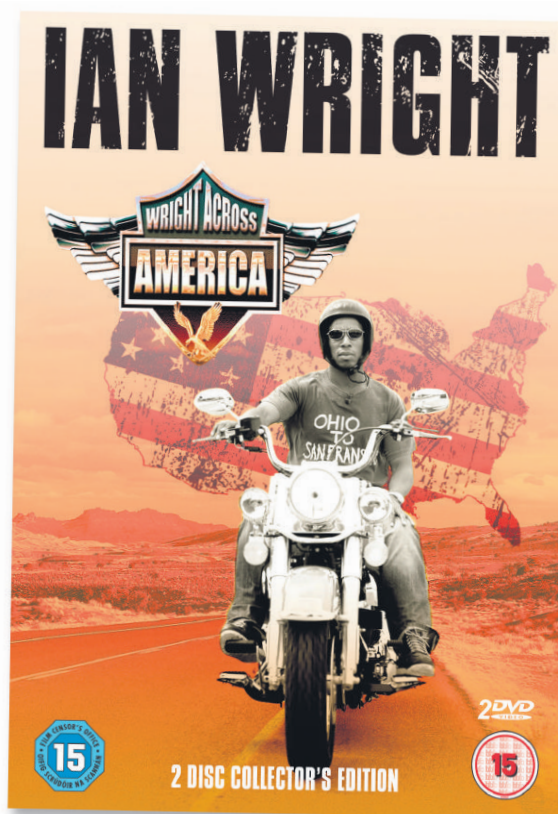
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## TALK TIME

### CATHERINE BARTHOLOMEW

The belly dancer, who teaches classes in Sittingbourne and Sheppey, talks about how she balances work life while expecting her first child.



#### Can you tell us a little about yourself?

I've been studying this dance form for more than ten years and teaching it for four. I am also currently six months pregnant with my first baby due in October. Belly dance has a long history and is often linked to childbirth rituals in North Africa and the Middle East, and I'm looking forward to finding out whether it works for me!

#### What first interested you in belly dancing?

When I was 16 we had a family holiday to Egypt. We took a cruise down the Nile between Luxor and Aswan. One of the evening entertainments was a belly dancer – a nice, smiling dancer who was much more modest than we were expecting from the James Bond films!

About six months later my mum had an operation on her lower back after slipping two discs. She looked up belly dance classes in the hope it would help her to regain some of her flexibility.

She persuaded me to go with her as a fun way to spend some time together. I got completely hooked, went on to do more training and eventually gave up the day job to teach it!

#### Where can people find out more about your classes?

I teach classes at Sittingbourne Community College Sports Centre on Tuesday evenings, 7pm to 8pm, but we take a summer break from now until September. I am also planning a ten week course at Sheppey Healthy Living Centre in the autumn.

See my website [www.sevenveils.co.uk](http://www.sevenveils.co.uk) for more details.

## YOUR LETTERS



### Advice will get us through hard times

Your front page story last week concerning the so-called credit crunch deserves comment.

While it cannot be denied the economy is undergoing difficulties, surely one of the ways this can be overcome is for people to start to show more confidence in businesses as a whole and continue to spend cash, creating demand and boosting profits for stores and so job security.

Black days for markets are usually caused by a lack of confidence and this is happening in the High Street, as we see.

The suggestion everyone should "pull together" is quite right and the more it is repeated by the media the better.

Alex Hale  
By Email

### Compare regular shoppers with rich

Having read your front page story last week about shops feeling the pinch, I cannot but think those stores selling luxury

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items – such as Macknade – are going to be hit harder than most. However, one assumes the

people who shop there regularly are those who generally can afford the finer things in life, so

perhaps if there is a slowdown it is more as a result of those at the top end of the scale feeling the impacts of tightened belts rather than the 'normal' person?

Perhaps the real gauge of how it is hitting everyone would be to see the till receipts from Tesco and other supermarkets?

Glen Yorath  
Via email

## Pubs reveal losses of thousands as England don't play

### Competition was one for real fans

While it is unfortunate England played no part in the European Championships causing pub profits to fall, the tournament itself has been exceptional.

There have been so many close games decided in the last minute that it has to be the best display of football for decades.

Also no lengthy inquests on where it all went wrong, beery yobs shouting the odds, girls claiming they know the offside rule and tedious WAGs mean it has been one real fans can enjoy – not the fair-weather supporters who come out in a cross of St George once every other summer.

Brian McDade  
Sittingbourne

### Finally we're free of the football

Thank God Euro 2008 is finally over. I'm sure I am not alone in being irritated our TV channels



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have been dominated by games for the last however many weeks.

I'd understand if England were in it – but they're not... so why devote so much primetime to it?

Those pubs that complained in your paper recently about people not coming in to watch big games on the big screens would have done well to watch the tills ring if they had turned them off.

Susan Bennett  
Via email

## Small price to pay to have food to eat

The controversy over the polytunnel development for Hernhill is yet again an example of short-sighted nimbyism.

I agree the tunnels are unsightly but if they protect crops and make employment secure for marginally paid workers then surely they must be a good thing? If the installation of such structures can prevent crops from rotting in the ground or dying of the cold they should be encouraged, not vilified.

And for those who complain about the view – how would they feel sitting in their gardens with their summer drinks but no strawberries to accompany them?

Graeme Hawkes  
Faversham

## Temporary cover is a criminal solution

The current craze for mobile police stations in rural parts of Kent is all

very well – but what if you need help from an officer and they have all packed off for the night and driven home? This is yet another example of the lack of commitment to helping people who live in the country and offering them temporary solutions which merely patch over problems.

Eric Halpern,  
Via email.

## Bowled over by my cricket experience

I've never been to a cricket match before, but decided to take my two children to Canterbury last week to watch Kent's Twenty20 match against Surrey last Wednesday.

We were stuck in a traffic jam for 20 minutes first, which wasn't a good sign – but by the time we got to the game all that was forgotten.

I'd read in the past not many people watch Kent, but the place was absolutely packed. And by the end of the game, both myself and my two little ones were jumping up and down at every decision.

Obviously, it was a great shame



Kent lost, but the entertainment value was really first rate.

I know the world and his wife has already woken up to the excitement of this quick version of the game, but now I have too.

Roll on next season.

T Merridith  
Via email

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Lisa Cooney  
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Traditional fairground attractions, live music, arena displays and a beer

tent will help to make the weekend go with a swing.

Gary Page, of organisers S&S Leisure, said the response to the event's return had been amazing.

"During the last few weeks we have distributed about 30,000 leaflets and the response we are having is phenomenal," he said.

"We have more than 350 exhibitors already and the interest in the two-day dog show is huge."

As part of their preparation, the organisers looked at Quex Museum's archives and discovered just how important Quexpo used to be to the area. Visitors will be able to see memorabilia from 1979 to 1986, along with artefacts exhibited by The Friends of Quex.

"It was like a county show in Thanet," Mr Page said. "They used to get 40,000 people there. It will never be like that again because now you have shopping, computer games and things like that. But country fairs are very popular for families."

The list of attractions goes on and on – Quex Bell Ringers will be

demonstrating their talents, while radio-controlled cars pick things up a gear. Mr Page has a 1938 'hook a duck' game that he will be exhibiting and there has been no shortage of local car fans eager to show off their treasured motors.

"For Quexpo, we have tried to use all local services," Mr Page said.

"For example, the printing was done in Broadstairs and the publicity was done in Birchington. We are trying to put money back into Thanet."

The event will run from 10am to 6pm both days. Admission costs £6/£5 for adults, £4 for children and £20 for families of four.

For more information, phone S&S Leisure on 01227 700894 or 07767 620784, or email [mjdfashion@hotmail.com](mailto:mjdfashion@hotmail.com).

The organisers would like to thank Southern Staffords for running the dog show, along with Bike Shed and Pet Bling for sponsoring the prizes.

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### CHILL GRAND OPENING

Thursday and Friday, July 10-11  
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THE former Chicago Rock Cafe will reveal its chilled new look at a stylish launch party next week.

Following a £1.5 million overhaul, the venue in St Georges Place, New Dover Road, is being relaunched as

nightclub Chill. There will be a special party for VIP invite holders only on Thursday, July 10, and it will throw open its doors to the public on the Friday.

Designed as a stylish and trendy place for young clubbers to socialise, the interior boasts a striking colour scheme from the speckled black dance floor to white leather seating. With private booths, chrome fittings and a

state-of-the-art sound and lighting system, it could become the place to be seen.

As well as looking the part, Chill will also be offering a quality line-up of DJs and artists. It will be launching Vibe, a new R'n'B session on Thursdays, which will attract stars such as Tim Westwood, Shortee Blitz, Trevor Nelson and more.

To find out more see [www.chill-nightclub.com](http://www.chill-nightclub.com).

### HERE'S TO THE LADIES!

Sunday, July 6  
Marlowe Theatre Café Bar, Canterbury

CELEBRATE the wonderful role of women in music with the uplifting show Here's To The Ladies!

Described as 'a joyous July journey in praise of womankind', the show features an eclectic mix of songs delivered by two outstanding talents. Pianist Jennifer Partridge will accompany mezzo-soprano Janice Hooper-Roe (pictured) as she demonstrates her stunning vocal skills.

The programme will feature a blend of opera, operetta and musical theatre. The audience can look forward to the melodies of Noel Coward, the unforgettable songs of Gilbert and Sullivan and the drama of the operatic divas. There will be plenty of 40s and 50s nostalgia, along with the odd musical surprise.

Partridge is a well-known figure at the Marlowe and is acknowledged as one of the country's leading piano accompanists. Hooper-Roe began her career with Glyndebourne Festival Opera and her impressive CV includes singing with The Royal Opera, Covent Garden.

Tickets for the intimate concert, which is a



fundraiser for the Friends of the Marlowe, cost £12 including a glass of wine. Concessions are available. To book call the box office on 01227 787787.

### STEPHEN MERCHANT

Monday, August 4  
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



TICKETS are already selling fast so do not miss your chance to see one of Britain's top comedy talents.

Stephen Merchant rose to fame when he co-wrote The Office with Ricky Gervais. Set in the offices of a paper company in Slough, it brilliantly portrayed the dramas and small-time politics that go on in companies all over the country.

The pair went on to create the critically acclaimed Extras, in which celebrities eagerly parodied their public images. Each episode was set on a different production, strung together by the exploits of two struggling extras. Guest stars ranged from comedian Les Dennis to global movie star Samuel L Jackson. Merchant appeared briefly in The Office and had a recurring role in Extras as Darren Lamb, Gervais' useless agent.

The writing team have picked up Emmy, Golden Globe and BAFTA Awards for their shows. Merchant will be trying out new material at a few regional venues, including the Gulbenkian.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £10. To book call 01227 769075 or visit [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk).



### SWALE LEISURE

#### Folk Club to host true talent on the guitar

OUTSTANDING guitar player Martin Simpson will be visiting Faversham Folk Club tonight, Wednesday.

The acclaimed finger and slide picker was recently named as one of the top artists of the decade by Acoustic Guitar Magazine and has picked up five BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

See him at the Chimney Boy, Preston Street, at 8.30pm. Tickets cost £10. Call Mary on 01795 534368, or see [www.favershamfolkclub.net](http://www.favershamfolkclub.net) for details.

#### Breakthru into a special show of rocking blues

FANS of live music can enjoy a great night of entertainment at a pub in Hernhill, near Faversham.

Breakthru will be performing their brand of rock and blues music at The Three Horseshoes in Staple Street on Saturday. The gig starts at 8.30pm.

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#### Afternoon brings art and music together

ENJOY an afternoon of live musical performances and art at Lynsted Church on Saturday.

Singing group Cantiana is holding its second Artsfest at the church, with members singing as a group and giving solo songs and readings. Doddington jazzy trio Chrysalis and other guest performers will also be appearing between noon and 6pm.

Visitors will also be able to view and buy artwork by local artists. To find out more see [www.cantiana.org.uk](http://www.cantiana.org.uk).

#### Disco the night away with feel-good musical

STEP back in time to the 70s heyday of disco with musical Oh! What A Night.

Kid Creole will lead a vibrant young cast in this feel-good show featuring some of the best disco tracks of all time, such as YMCA, Shaft and many more.

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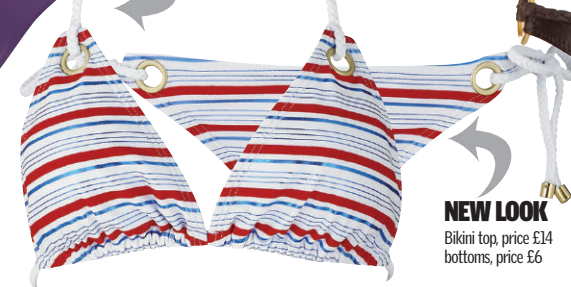
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The 70s favourite would be an ideal dessert for parties and barbecues.

**Author returns home  
to sign latest book**

INTERNATIONAL bestselling author Victoria Hislop will be making an appearance at Bluewater on Tuesday.

The Kent-based writer and newspaper columnist will be signing copies of her new book, *The Return*, at Waterstone's from 12.30pm. Her first novel *The Island* was one of the biggest selling titles of 2006/7. She lives in Kent with her husband Ian Hislop, of *Private Eye* and *Have I Got News For You*.

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# Chivalric to the end

BY KATE WHITING

WHEN you meet an actor who has been elevated to the ranks of Hollywood's next big thing, like James McAvoy, you don't expect his first words to be an apology.

But this was what happened when we were introduced at London's swish Dorchester Hotel. "When we were in the elevator, you let me go first and I felt terrible because usually, in a daft way, I let the lady go first."

"It was the most awkward moment in my life!" he says, laughing.

He genuinely seems very concerned by this momentary lapse in his usual chivalry, somewhere between the hotel's ground and first floors.

Slightly flushed, since it is James McAvoy, I reassure him all is well before we get down to the important business of discussing his new film *Wanted*.

At 29, the diminutive Scottish actor has a string of critically acclaimed films to his name and even a Bafta nomination earlier this year for *Atonement*.

But he remains as modest and down-to-earth as the young man who first came to our attention four years ago in Channel 4's *Shameless*.

It's been well documented that he lives in a modest London flat with actress wife Anne-Marie Duff, drives a 10-year-old Nissan Micra and doesn't really like 'flashy' awards ceremonies.

He even admits he was astounded when the studio cast "somebody like me" as the lead – an action hero – in *Wanted*.

"It was before *Last King Of Scotland* had even really hit and



DIFFERENT: James McAvoy stars in the action movie *Wanted* – with Angelina Jolie

*Atonement* hadn't come out," he explains.

"Nobody really knew who I was over there [in Hollywood] and I just thought that they were being really brave casting somebody who isn't usual action hero fodder and thought 'Well, they're trying to do something different.'"

McAvoy plays Wesley Gibson, an average American office worker who is disillusioned with life. He hates his job and doesn't even

care that his best mate is sleeping with his girlfriend.

But his life changes when feisty Fox (Angelina Jolie) reveals his long-lost father has been killed while working as an assassin for her secret organisation the Fraternity – and recruits him to avenge his father's death.

Cue a Matrix-style montage as Wes trains to be a fearless killer.

Once on board, the actor, who played the scrawny, bare-chested

fawn Mr Tumnus in the first *Narnia* film, had to hit the gym to be fit enough for his fight scenes.

"I'd rather eat dog poo than go to the gym, so the training was a big change for me," he admits.

Throughout filming in Chicago, Prague and Romania, James had to work very closely with Jolie – and she had plenty of advice for her co-star.

"The thing that I appreciated about Angelina more than anything was when she said 'Don't take yourself too seriously'. If you can't have fun making an action movie, then you shouldn't be doing an action movie."

And then there was the scene where they kiss, as part of Wesley's revenge on his two-timing girlfriend.

"Ach, it's the same as always, you know what I mean," he says, looking embarrassed.

"You're worried and you're nervous and tense and there's loads of people looking and you kind of regret having that cigarette before the last take and the coffee and the tuna sandwich that you've just eaten."

So he's sticking to his story that kissing 'is never easy, never nice' – even when it's Angelina Jolie.

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## Great bands from the comfort of your home

BY SIMON ROBINSON

**AGORAPHOBIC** music-lovers rejoice, for this paper's in-house film crew continues to bring the best of Kent's singers and bands direct to your computers.

Our crack two-man team – cameramen extraordinaire Paul Jerreat and mic-wielding host Charley Vines – have rounded up the likes of Updownc, Tortilla Army and Sons Of Alpha Centauri to feature on The Ether.

The popular weekly video clips give each performer the opportunity to play two of their latest tracks before being grilled by presenter Charley over their inspiration, ambitions and forthcoming plans.

So there's now no need for music fans to have to frequent darkened, sweaty rooms to see the best up-and-coming artists, paying a small fortune for a pint of watered-down ale.

Rubbing shoulders with 200 nu-rave, emo-loving, skinny-jeans-wearing 'yoof' types is a thing of the past.

Yes, you can check out the cream of the county's musicians at [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk) – all free of charge and in your own home.

(For the best audio experience, turn your speakers up to 11.)

An Ether teaser trailer has now been placed online, showing the bands due to be featured in the forthcoming days. A full back-catalogue is also available, with guests ranging from singer/songwriter Lupen Crook and fellow Medway act Aliquot Flow to Sittingbourne-based punk/rock band Los Salvadores and Ashford's My Life In The Making.

Here is a brief overview of what Ether viewers can look forward to.



**ONLINE:** Updownc are just one of the many great Kent bands to be found on The Ether online music channel

### UPDOWNC

Sonic fans Updownc, who take their name from a well-known cheat, have carved out a strong fanbase with their instrumental soundscapes. Their latest album, *Embers*, was launched on Friday. You can catch them at Lounge On The Farm festival on Sunday, July 13, or at [www.myspace.com/updownc](http://www.myspace.com/updownc).

### LUCY KITT

Lucy is a laid-back Canterbury-based acoustic singer/songwriter. Her charm comes in her genre-hopping. On her Myspace profile she describes her sound as "some say folk, some say blues, some say grunge – you choose".

Lucy is playing at Zoo8 on Friday, or catch her at [www.myspace.com/lucykitt](http://www.myspace.com/lucykitt).

### TORTILLA ARMY

Rockers Tortilla Army have managed to combine heavy guitars with strong lyrics and vocals – a feat most rock'n'roll outfits can only half-achieve.

The Canterbury-based quartet are playing Lounge On The Farm on Saturday, July 12 – or see [www.myspace.com/tortillaarmy](http://www.myspace.com/tortillaarmy)

### SONS OF ALPHA CENTAURI

The Sheppey four-piece have established themselves across the county and beyond as rising stars, if you'll pardon the pun.

They describe their sound as "experimental, progressive, alternative". Add a few guitars and you're halfway there. Visit [www.sonsofalphacentauri.co.uk/news.php](http://www.sonsofalphacentauri.co.uk/news.php).

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2007 World Champion Kimi Raikkonen was the winner of last year's race in his Ferrari, beating the McLaren pairing of Lewis Hamilton and Fernando Alonso. This year Hamilton will be looking to join the elite of British drivers to win in front of the home crowd including Sterling Moss, Jackie Stewart, James Hunt, Nigel Mansell and Damon Hill.

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

**SUMMER HEIGHTS HIGH**  
BBC TWO, 10.30pm, Tuesday

■ BY TOM BETTS

WORD of mouth and the recommendation of friends whose taste doesn't want to make you vomit is often the best way to discover much of our popular culture.

When a TV show, book, album or event is hyped up and dressed in expectation, rarely does it live up to its billing, ITV American import Pushing Daisies being a case in point.

Often it is the shunned, untalked-about gems that make for the most satisfying viewing of all.

The feeling is enhanced by many in your immediate surroundings remaining oblivious while perhaps just you and one or two others enjoy the unearthed diamond.

Indeed, before it exploded into one of the most talked-about comedies of all time, no one really watched the first run of *The Office* when it appeared on BBC Two.

Series one slipped by unnoticed and it was the re-runs which slowly but surely drew people *en masse*.

It is with that in mind that we come to *Summer Heights High*, the best thing to come out of Australia since, er, um... oh never mind!

Think the aforementioned *The Office* meets teen drama *Heartbreak High*, with a dash of *Home And Away* thrown in for good measure and you're halfway there.

Shot in a mockumentary style, proceedings are dominated by show mastermind Chris Lilley, writer, star and creator. Here he takes three guises.

First is the young, egotistical, power-hungry drama teacher Mr G – a man for whom even the death of a student



**GEM:** Creator of *Summer Heights High* Chris Lilley (right) is behind some undiscovered gold

is not beyond exploitation as he strives towards his ultimate goal of having a new performing arts centre named in his honour.

Secondly we meet Ja'mie, a vacant, vain, teenage Paris Hilton-a-like whose unending quest to be 'hot' appears never ending.

But, as funny as these characters are, and they are very good, the real star of the show is Lilley as Jonah Takalua, a teenage Polynesian Aussie with Attention-Deficit Disorder and a penchant for petty mischief and break-dancing.

This portrayal of a disruptive classroom influence who is in equal parts both obnoxious and charming is one of the best comedy characters of recent years.

One critic has already called Jonah the voice of a generation and anyone who has spoken to a 13-year-old teenage boy of late may well agree.

Take a chance on this and make sure you tell your friends when you discover its sheer brilliance.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)  
**WORKING** alongside a partner helps you achieve a cherished dream. Between your passion and your associate's know how, you race through obstacles like a hot knife through butter. Don't be surprised if your sex drive soars as the weekend approaches.

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**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)  
**A PASSIONATE** encounter puts a spring in your step. This is a good time to finish any projects. Once this job is done, your lifestyle will become much easier. Launching a website or blog could draw favourable attention. There's no better way to demonstrate your expertise.

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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)  
**A CHILD** or lover could inspire a creative project. The more time you devote to this type of work the more you realise you can't cope with a boring job. Fortunately, several new sources of income are looking likely. Don't be afraid to leave a steady gig for a job with an element of risk.

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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)  
**DON'T** be afraid to exercise your authority at work. Thanks to your quick thinking, you could save your company a great deal of money and extra work. Joining a team or organisation will be in your best interests. The people you meet will enrich every aspect of your life.

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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)  
**YOU'RE** making great progress at work. An authority figure is especially impressed with your progress and could offer you a promotion. If you feel like your efforts aren't being recognised go for a new job. You could be offered a position that more in keeping with your talent.

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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)  
**YOUR** powers of persuasion are irresistible. There's never been a better time to approach someone sexy for a date. The two of you generate lots of chemistry. The long-term prospects of this pairing are unclear. One thing is for sure: being in this person's company is exhilarating.

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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)  
**WORKING** behind the scenes brings impressive results on the home front. If you've been unhappy with the way your life has been going, start a journal. Make lists of things that bring you happiness. The more you focus on joy, the easier it will manifest in your life.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)  
**SHARING** your knowledge makes you a hot commodity. Don't be surprised if you're offered to teach a class or write a book. People respond favourably to your passion and encouragement. If you're forced to compete for a job, be a little aggressive.

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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)  
**GOING** on a romantic adventure is a great idea this week. Work demands could pick up throughout the next few days. You'll be expected to churn out perfect results in record time. Under the circumstances, asking for a raise will seem perfectly reasonable.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)  
**YOU** may have to spend money to make money. This is difficult for a cash-conscious person like you, but it's vital to invest if you're going to get ahead. Fortunately, the funds you need are readily accessible. A business or romantic partner may be nervous about your plans.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)  
**FRIENDS** want you to make a bold move, and who are you to refuse? It's good to know loved ones have faith in your abilities. Still, it may be best to keep your initial efforts a secret. A new career path could open quite suddenly. Some serious discussions are needed.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)  
**YOU** could undergo a powerful transformation. A close relationship has prompted you to take a close look at your hopes, wants and dreams. All of a sudden, doing the practical thing doesn't seem so important. Following your heart is your first priority.

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# Open Golf at Royal Birkdale

The Open returns to Royal Birkdale ten years on from Mark O'Meara's victory and the emergence of a young amateur, now the top golfer in Europe, Justin Rose.

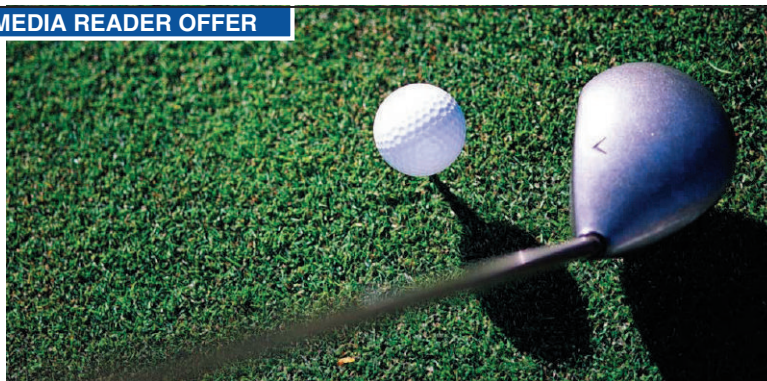
**Golf's best known names including last year's victor Padraig Harrington\* will descend on Royal Birkdale, one of Britain's finest golf clubs. Having previously hosted two Ryder Cups, the Walker and Curtis Cups, the Women's British Open and, on eight occasions, the Open, Royal Birkdale is the perfect setting for the Open this summer.**

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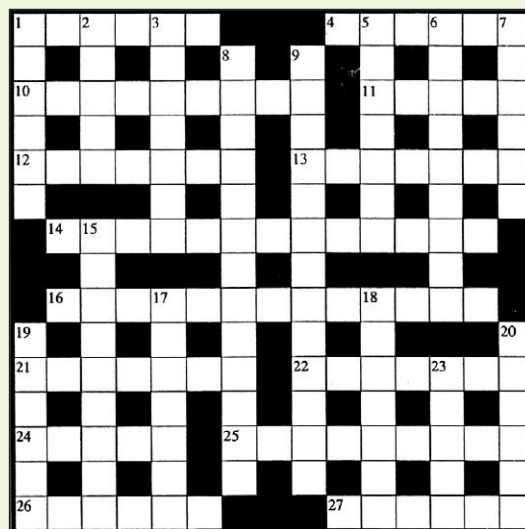
#### ACROSS

- 1 Shameless brother, a Buddhist (6)
- 4 One aim involving lack of social standards (6)
- 10 Said paper might vanish (9)
- 11 Language of some suburban Turks? (5)
- 12 Stick globule onto sweet (7)
- 13 Ill child's overcoat (7)
- 14 As a rule it is wonderful (8,5)
- 16 Protracted agony of patient (4,9)
- 21 Charles' sister had vehicle frame (7)
- 22 Join again king embracing former queen (7)
- 24 Where in France one gets German agreement on board (5)
- 25 Looked longer at revised tour dates (9)
- 26 Impertinent feature before last Friday (6)
- 27 Adams' concoction is intended to appeal to the general public (6)

#### DOWN

- 1 Some abode Gary found contained wine-shop (6)
- 2 Like Samuel to be in Indian state (5)
- 3 Purple ruler (7)
- 5 Surprisingly unable on the point of producing some misty appearances (7)
- 6 Timely shooter? (6,3)
- 7 Shares in the union (6)
- 8 Means of driving aeroplane forward? (3,10)
- 9 It's novel having fruit from the cape (6,2,5)
- 15 Hurry up, appear to be quick (4,5)
- 17 After AGM's confusion request respirator (3,4)
- 18 Stored a crumble that had been baked (7)
- 19 Imitating the sound it represents with city area head office in charge (6)
- 20 Leaving the book (6)
- 23 She's not a mother either (5)

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### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Unrestrained (6)
- 4 Chopsy (anag.) (6)
- 10 Type of camera lens (9)
- 11 City in northern Italy (5)
- 12 OT book (7)
- 13 Patterned flooring (7)
- 14 Season of plays (5,8)
- 16 Younger relatives (13)
- 21 Try (7)
- 22 Portico at west end of an early church (7)
- 24 Arrest (3,2)
- 25 Absolute (3,3-3)
- 26 Lethal (6)
- 27 Palmate (6)

#### DOWN

- 1 Halter (anag.) (6)
- 2 Flow regulator (5)
- 3 Fallacy (7)
- 5 Japanese warrior (7)
- 6 Work out (9)
- 7 Decorated (6)
- 8 Merry-making (13)
- 9 Merciful (13)
- 15 Fictitious land (9)
- 17 In name only (7)
- 18 Confuse (7)
- 19 Obstructed (6)
- 20 Went out (6)
- 23 Destructive weapon (1-4)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No42

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### CRYPTIC SOLUTION No42

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### QUICK SOLUTION No43

19 Barred 20 Exited 23 H-bomb. 15 Ruritanian 17 Nominal 18 Derange 7 Ornate 8 Jollification 9 Compassionate 11 Valley 3 Sophism 5 Samrat 6 Calculator 22 Deadly 27 Webbed. DOWN: 1 Lather 2 Narthex 24 Rat in 25 Out-and-out 26 Festival 15 Exalted 13 Parquet 14 Drama 11 Million 12 Exiled 13 Psycho 10 Telephoto

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## Actively changing your opinion

BY CAROLINE DAVISON

MY first, and only, package holiday on a Greek island some years ago hardly lingers in the memory as a pleasant affair. I remember the place as dusty, full of flies, with little atmosphere and terrible cuisine.

But almost as soon as I landed on Lemnos, an island in the Aegean Sea, I sensed it could be time for a rethink. In basking sunshine, the locals put on a welcome at the airport. It was explained on the coach ride to the resort that the islanders believe a blessing on the first foreign arrivals of the year brings them luck.

Our base for a week of watersports and land-based activities was Portomyrina Palace, a four-star hotel set on a hill above a quiet bay.

That first lunch set a standard for the rest of the week: an impressive buffet including pork in a creamy sauce and an array of salads, breads, cheeses and cold meats, finished with a choice of Greek pastries and chocolate cake.

The welcome meeting explained our options for the week ahead. Although some activities cost extra – scuba-diving, excursions, spa treatments and the offer of any official qualifications taken – virtually all are included in the price of the package, and taster sessions were on offer.

The Children's Club, keen to entertain two- to 12-year-olds, is also included in the package.

I was there for the action and my first day boasted a pretty exhausting mix: scuba-diving, waterskiing and tennis. My timetable also showed the evening as punch and dips on the



**BEAUTIFUL:** If the excitement of water sports are too much for you, Lemnos also has a variety of beaches to relax on

lawn, followed by a quiz night. Could this hotel get any better?

On four evenings of the week, the Portomyrina provides a buffet, while the other three are left free for those who want to do their own thing. During the week we also tested the local cuisine in the nearby capital of Myrina. Fortunately, restaurants – of which there were a vast array – catered both for families and romantic couples.

Next day, I was ready for more excitement and strode up the beach for a waterskiing lesson. How hard could it be, simply getting pulled along by a boat?

The boat set off at what seemed like a million miles per hour. Not so easy now. I stayed on for

a good few minutes, but nature took its course and a wave put me down and pulled the skis from my feet.

However, over the course of the week there was much more to try, including sailing, kayaking and catamaran rides, but by far the most rewarding for me was windsurfing. I also tried a scuba-diving taster in the swimming pool.

By the final day, nearly all my aches had gone and I felt my fitness levels had quadrupled in just a week.

In seven days, an unfit office worker had been transformed into a sport-obsessed Amazon – possibly never again to contemplate a 'fly and flop' package.

### FACT FILE: GREECE

Time difference	UK + 2 hours
Capital	Athens
Population	11.2 million
Currency	Euro (1.2 to £1 approx)
Religion	Christian
Climate	Mediterranean
Language	Greek

### Holiday details

Caroline Davison was a guest of Neilson Active Holidays, which offers seven-night packages this summer at the Portomyrina Palace from £539 per person, and from £429 for two- to 12-year-olds, including return flights from Gatwick, transfers, breakfast and lunch daily and four buffet dinners.

Also included are most activities, on water and land, with tuition, and Children's Club.

There are no direct flights into Lemnos from Manchester and Glasgow, so travellers make their own way to Gatwick.

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2007 World Champion Kimi Raikkonen was the winner of last year's race in his Ferrari, beating the McLaren pairing of Lewis Hamilton and Fernando Alonso. This year Hamilton will be looking to join the elite of British drivers to win in front of the home crowd including Sterling Moss, Jackie Stewart, James Hunt, Nigel Mansell and Damon Hill.

#### The Price includes:

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27yr old, mother of 1, enjoys cooking, fun, music and going to the pub. Looking for a man to have a giggle with. Box 891393 **1** **2**

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I'm a tall, blonde half-Dutch woman, 27, love swimming, power-walking and music, festival! Looking for a lovely man with GSOH, for something special! Box 893230 **1** **2**

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Are you the one? I'm 33, single, 5'2, pure country lass from farming background, seeking my lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 82225 **1** **2**

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Single mum of 2, 32, WLTW someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Ryan from Whitstable, please call again, leave contact details! Box 406670 **1**

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I'm a social, caring and sensual woman, 33, who enjoys having fun, conversation, arts, music and eating out, seeking a like-minded, upbeat man. Box 899177 **1**

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Sincere, happy woman, with GSOH. I'm 5'6, with short brown hair, brown eyes, I have lots of interests and WLTW similar guy. Box 895019 **1**

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Genuine, outgoing single mum, 49yr old, enjoys swimming, the outdoors and travelling. WLTW male to travel and enjoy life with. Take the plunge! Box 891011 **1** **2**

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Beautiful, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal life. Box 42582 **1** **2**

#### ALL THAT I NEED

Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833 **1**

#### BLACK MAGIC

Young black female, 49yr old, slim, enjoys cooking, dancing and socialising. WLTW a gentle man for a romantic relationship. Box 441839 **1**

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Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, you'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 892640 **1**

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Caring, loving, attractive female, 41, size 12, enjoys keeping fit, most things, seeks romantic, passionate, tall, good looking male, 35-42, for LTR. Box 907281 **1** **2**

#### STARTING OVER

41-year-old, 1 happy, caring, N/S brunette, size 12, 5'8, likes to laugh, enjoy most things, looking for a special person to share my life. Box 897642 **1**

#### ANIMAL MAGIC!

Single, kind, caring animal lover, 34, from Kent, likes cooking, cinema, theatre, most music, seeks non-smoking male, 34-38, for LTR. Box 440782 **1**

#### THE GENTLE LADY

Easygoing female with GSOH, 36, enjoys many things - going out, staying in, seeking a nice, genuine guy for love and laughter. Box 437913 **1**

#### MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum of three, 37, fun-loving, great to be around, been hurt in the past, heart has been broken and needs mending. Box 908055 **1** **2**

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Loving female, 36, 5'4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 42866 **1**

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Large, bubbly lady, 37, 5'8", like country walks, seaside, birdwatching, all music, looking for that special male for good times. Box 435619 **1**

#### FOOTBALL FANATIC

Dark-haired lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5'10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 439281 **1** **2**

#### READ ALL ABOUT IT

Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling. WLTW N/S man to share things with. Box 429682 **1**

#### ON A PLATE

Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, reddish. Likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTW male for fun and friendship. Box 895928 **1**

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Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 **1**

#### READY FOR LOVE

Stuart, 37, very shy but ready for love, 5'8, slim, brown hair/eyes, cheery and fun, love a laugh, music, film, seeking like-minded lady for love. Box 441777 **1**

#### REAL MAN

Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTW like-minded, genuine female. Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430440 **1**

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Medium-build male, 39, 5'11", self-employed, enjoys eating out, walks and cuddles on the sofa, WLTW lady, 25-55, for friendship/romance. Ashford. Box 441715 **1**

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#### HAND IN HAND

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#### SHARE THE GOOD LIFE

Professional male, 45, own home/car, likes cinema, weekends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship, hopefully more. Box 428202 **1**

#### YOU FOR ME & ME FOR YOU...

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#### THE LOOK OF LOVE

Tall, slim male, 47, smart appearance, enjoys cooking, eating out and going to the cinema, WLTW a female, 40-50 for friendship and companionship. Box 441640 **1**

#### SOUND GOOD?

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#### FRIENDSHIP & MORE...

Young at heart 50yr old male,





## PROPERTY NEWS

### Repayment help may be at hand

PEOPLE facing having their homes repossessed could be protected by a new mortgage rescue scheme run by housing associations, under plans being considered by ministers.

The downturn in the housing market has seen a number of unregulated firms offering to buy properties from people struggling to pay their mortgages, but usually for prices well below market value. They then rent back these homes to the sellers on a short-hold tenancy, while they wait for the market to pick up – offering little long-term security.

But the National Housing Federation now wants housing associations to increasingly step in and offer to buy homes at risk of repossession at a fair price, as part of a new nationwide mortgage rescue service.

The associations would then offer the seller the chance to buy back under a low-cost ownership arrangement when their financial situation improved, or to remain permanently in their homes as rent-paying tenants.

The paper, Protecting Households, Delivering Homes, argues Government cash already committed to building new social homes should be used to help run fair mortgage rescue schemes.

### Demand for new homes on the up

DEMAND for new homes continues to exceed supply in the South East despite the slowing market, says a new report from market experts Knight Frank.

The area experienced the greatest overall price growth last year, averaging seven per cent capital growth in 2007; the UK average is five per cent.

Liam Bailey, head of residential research at Knight Frank, said: "The South East's housing market continues to outperform the UK average because of the region's economic strength: strong productivity, high rates of employment and the fact median earnings are on average ten per cent higher than the national average have contributed to an additional market driver – wealth.

"Improvements to the region's transport links, such as the high-speed rail link, are also likely to be an important driver of future growth.

"Markets targeted by investment, regeneration, improved transport and employment opportunities will witness higher than average market activity."

# Protect your little ones from harm in the home

■ BY NICK AMES

A LIST of top tips to keep children safe in the home has been compiled to help parents worried about the possibility of accidents.

With 40 per cent of all accidental injuries involving youngsters occurring at home or in the garden, Bryant Homes believes that by following some simple steps the number of accidents could be significantly reduced.

Jane Stockwell, the company's regional sales and marketing director, said: "Many of the accidents in our homes can be easily avoided, which is why we're committed to helping our customers improve the safety of their homes.

"Buying a new home could actually help reduce the number of accidents further with modern layouts and appliances, and a blank canvas in which to highlight any potential dangers."

The list of safety tips is as follows;

- Alarms: make sure you have a working smoke alarm on each floor of your home to provide warning if a fire starts.
- Poisons and cleaning products: keep cleaning products, first aid items and medicines either in a locked cupboard or in a high place out of reach of children. Similarly, when buying these products, look for child-resistant tops.
- Electrical appliances: cover unused electric sockets. Make sure electrical items are tidied away when not in use so that small hands can't pull them off high surfaces.
- Window locks: as well as keeping people out, they keep little ones in. Make sure keys are kept out of sight to prevent temptation.
- Running baths: always run the cold tap first and add hot water to the right temperature. Tap protectors can also be bought, or fit a thermostatic mixing valve on your hot tap to prevent scalds.
- Choking hazards: clear small items from counter tops and tables and keep items with small parts that could break off away from young children. Keep items such as sewing kits, stationery and coins in locked cupboards or out-of-reach cabinets.
- Stairs: particularly with small children, fit safety gates to both the top and the bottom of the stairs and make sure steps are clear of debris to minimise potential trips and tumbles.



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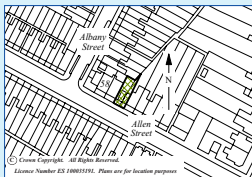
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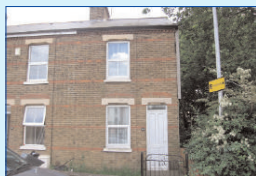
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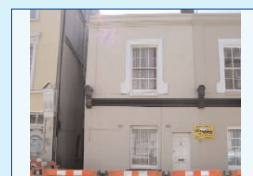
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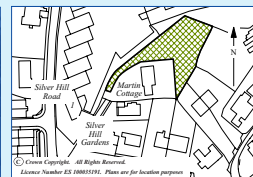
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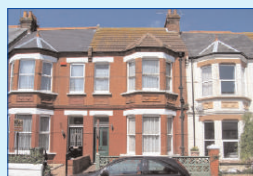
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## MOTORS NEWS



### Renault makes its SUV debut with the Koleos

KENT Renault dealers are launching the French brand's first-ever 4x4 SUV or 'crossover' this month.

The Renault Koleos is claimed to mix the comfort and practicality of a hatchback with genuine off-road ability and incorporates 4x4 know-how from sister brand Nissan.

A typically refined yet powerful 2.0-litre Renault diesel engine is offered with two outputs – 150bhp or 175bhp.

Gary Obee, at Motorline Renault in Canterbury, said: "The Renault Koleos is ideal for those needing plenty of space."



### High spec Freelander makes big impression

BARRETT'S Land Rover in Canterbury and Ashford has welcomed a sporty new Freelander 2 version.

The HST (from £32,325) features a 2.2-litre turbodiesel, 19-inch chrome alloys, leather seat facings, heated front seats, sat nav, auto climate control and a Sport Styling Pack with bumper aprons, sill mouldings and rear roof spoiler, and sells in four metallic colours.

Barretts Land Rover dealer principal Mark Nicholas said: "The HST adds an even more muscular look to the forecourt, ideal for those with an active lifestyle."



### Volvo's new 4x4 baby set for October delivery

FORD's new Kuga 4x4 is just out and now we know more about its half-brother – the Volvo XC60.

Both cars have been developed within the Ford empire by blending chassis expertise honed on the excellent Ford Focus with Volvo's acknowledged 4x4 nous.

So, we can expect the Volvo to be great on or off-road, even though billed as more of an SUV (sports utility vehicle).

The XC60 (from £24,750) is available for customer drives this October, with deliveries from November.



**SAFE AND SOUND:** The all-new third generation Volvo V70 is derived from the S80 executive saloon so it rides better than before, is more sure-footed and incredibly well built

## Generation X Volvo estate upholds the space tradition

VOLVO grew big on big, safe estates yet life is harder nowadays.

The estate market has been eroded by people carrier/MPVs and 4x4s and the Germans have muscled in with the Mercedes-Benz E-Class Estate, BMW 5-Series Touring and Audi A6 Avant.

Rising fuel and road tax costs have also weakened the Volvo wagon's hold on sales, but the latest V70 – Volvo's tenth generation big load-lugger – remains a tough piece of kit, especially in best-selling D5 turbodiesel form as tested here.

The all-new third generation V70 (£24,995-38,280) is derived from the S80 executive saloon so it rides better than before and is more sure-footed.

Despite Volvo's efforts to reposition itself as a 'driver's brand' though, the V70 is still not up with the Germans; there is a lightness about the steering and feedback, while some body roll counters that improved ride.

On the other hand, if you buy a big capacity wagon like this then practicality, comfort and a degree of economy rather than performance are greater priorities.

The car feels incredibly well built and while

## ROAD TEST VOLVO V70

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

interior design is minimalist, the Ford-owned Swedish brand takes a pragmatic 'don't fix it if it ain't broke' approach to dashboard controls; you have the familiar Volvo figure outline for ventilation selection and a logical and premium stand-alone sound system – plus clear controls on the steering wheel.

Everything else is easily to hand and you wonder why some car makers complicate in an attempt to simplify.

The cabin is spacious and seating comfort excellent, despite the initial firmness of high quality leather seats, standard on our higher spec SE Lux model (£30,745).

Rear load space (815/1,600 litres) is easily extended by flopping the rear seats down; there are bigger capacities in this class, but an upright tailgate makes the V70 one of the most practical.

The in-house 2.4-litre D5 five-cylinder turbodiesel engine has been a mainstay for several years now, ably balancing power with economy. It is refined, but powers the big estate to 60mph in an impressive 8.4 seconds in manual form while still averaging well over 40mpg.

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0606 New Zafira 1.9Cdti 120 Active Sapphire Black 29000mils .....**£11,995.00**  
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## USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

### BUDGET MPVs

WITHIN a few years, the MPV (multi-purpose vehicle) market has exploded into many different niches, the most affordable being the sector where competitors are derived from best-selling vans – the Citroën and Peugeot are also based on the same vehicle. Comfort levels are not as high, but these budget MPVs are popular with cash-strapped families. Small businesses love them too, because they can revert to their van role during the week and become the family holdall at weekends. Top-notch diesel options make them cheap and reliable to run.

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#### FIAT DOBLO



NOT the greatest looking MPV, but the Doblo probably offers more space to the pound than any other. Odd looks disguise surprisingly good handling and comfort, with easy access via two rear sliding doors. Fiat diesel technology makes it attractive too, although it is best to go for the top of the range 103bhp turbodiesel to get anything like decent acceleration with a load – it hits 60mph in 12.6 seconds compared with the entry level 1.2 petrol version's 19 seconds.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### RENAULT KANGOO



RENAULT invented the MPV thing with the Espace and then the Scenic, so the French marque was bound to compete in the budget sector. The Kangoo is both spacious and comfortable with a pliant ride. It is available – at a premium price – with a lively 80bhp diesel, although petrol options are competent too. Two rear sliding doors add to the car's huge high roof space efficiency and flexibility and there are 4x4 Trekka versions if you need the extra traction.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### PEUGEOT PARTNER COMBI



WE cheated on numbers this week, because the Peugeot (above) is also the cloned sister to the Citroën Berlingo Multispace – more common due to keener prices and higher sales when new. Probably the most refined if not the most spacious models in this class, the duo are pleasant to drive and have two rear sliding doors. The legendary power and refinement of their PSA diesels is also likely to tempt growing families, dog lovers or people leading a sporty lifestyle.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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## ALFA ROMEO

**156, TS 16V TURISMO**, g104vyr, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, electric windows, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, radio, 15" alloys, grey, 58000 miles, £4599, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**GT, LUSSO**, g07nc, alarm, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, climate control, drivers airbag, electric windows, leather interior, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, upgraded in car entertainment, red, 17000 miles, £16995, Thames Group Turbridge Wells, Turbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

## AUDI

**A2, 1.4 SPORT SDI**, 03/10/2002, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser cruise control electric windows, silver, 58486 miles, £3490, Inwits Motors, Salford, 01845 835555 (TRADE)

**TT, QUATTRO 1.8 20V T** 22SP5, dec 2001 wfs100, three previous keepers, power steering, remote central locking, climate control, electric windows, 6 speed gearbox, full service history, single cd player, twin air bags, abs brakes, esp, engine immobiliser, car alarm, on-board computer, electric/mirrors, front fog lamps, tinted glass, adj. steering column, seat height adjuster, grey leather interior, alloy wheels, brilliant black metallic, 45,500 miles, £12,995, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE)

## BMW

**318 SE SALLON**, 2002, 02 (02) bmw 318 se (face lift) 4 door saloon, 143 bhp, stunning met grey coachwork with immaculate grey trim, fsh (just serviced) manual gear box, traction control, cruise control, remote central locking, alarm, air con, power seats, ew x 4, electric & folding mirrors, twin air bags, alloy wheels, original hi-fi + much more, stunning condition, true luxury at an affordable price, only £7695, metallic grey, 102,000 miles, £7695, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

**1 SERIES**, 116i Sport SDI [6], 122193127, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, climate control, electric front windows, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, immobiliser, central locking, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, retractable headrests, folding rear seats, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, power steering, trip computer, multiple airbags, quick-clear screen, automatic electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, radio, stereo, 16" alloys, brilliant silver, 13035 miles, £12999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

**1 SERIES**, 120d SE Sdr, gHy80u, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, climate control, electric front windows, electric windows, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, parking sensor, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, head restraints, height adjustable seat, retractable headrests, rear headrests, folding rear seats, adjustable steering column, power steering, trip computer, multiple airbags, quick-clear screen, metallic paintwork, automatic electric windows, ac, dual climate zones, stereo, steering wheel auto controls, radio, cd player, 16" alloys, grey met, 18114 miles, £14997, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

## CADILLAC

**CTS, CTS 3.6 SPORT** luxury v6, 2005, platinum with black leather, 22379 miles, £12950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

## CHEVROLET

**CAPTIVA, LTZ 2.0**, finished in denim blue with black interior, blue, 4000 miles, £22995, Caffeys Turbridge Wells, Turbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**KALOS, SX**, finished in red, 17000 miles, £4989, Caffeys Turbridge Wells Vauxhall, Turbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**MATIZ, 1.0SE**, ocean blue with white interior, blue, 5000 miles, £7590, Caffeys Turbridge Wells, Turbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**TACUMA, SX 1.6**, g56Kuc, finished in blue with black cloth interior, blue, 3000 miles, £6995, Caffeys Chevrolet t wells, Turbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

## CHRYSLER

**300C, 5.7V8** auto estate, 2007, brilliant crystal met with dark and light slate gr, 10577 miles, £18950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**NEON, 2.0 LXI**, 1995 (n) 95 (n) chrysler neon 2.0 bi automatic, 5 door saloon, metallic green coachwork with contrasting grey velour trim, low mileage, service history, new mot, ew x 4, am, pas, air bags, original hi-fi, only 1 owner from new, £385, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

## CITROEN

**CITROEN BERLINGO 800**, 04 2005, 1.9d side door with abs 43.000 miles fsh lined, £4350, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**C2, 1.1i DESIGN** 3dr, 2005, 1.1i design 3dr hatch, red, 24500 miles, £5495, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

**C3, 1.4i CODE 2dr**, 2007, 1.4i code 2dr plus100 convertible sport eds, electric windows, 10000 miles, £3945, Wilmoths Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

## DAEWOO

**DAEWOO NUBIRA** 4 door saloon, 06 2000, 1.6 p se mot july 08, 0 miles, £500, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**KALOS, SX 16v Sdr**, g533av, cloth upholstery, immobiliser, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, head restraints, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, 14" alloys, alloy wheels, 55000 miles, £3499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**LANOS, 1.4 S Hatchback** 3d 1349cc, w583vrm, new mot very clean cheap tax & insurance, green, 33935 miles, £1495.00, DCO Autos, Ashford, 01233 642211 (TRADE)

**TACUMA, Xtra 1.6 Sdr**, h303nm, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, immobiliser, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, folding rear seats, rear headrests, seat-back tables, adjustable steering column, multi-function steering wheel, parking sensor, trip computer, abs, child locks, twin air bags, front fog lamps, multi-disc cd player, radio cassette, denim blue, 32000 miles, £3499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**TACUMA, CDX 1998cc** 5 door, 2002, w583vrm, alloy wheels, electric windows, central locking, alarm driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering immobiliser electric windows, met blue, 85000 miles, £2495, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

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**CHARADE, 1.0 SL Sdr Hatchback**, 07/2004, alloy wheels, electric windows central locking pas, champagne, 11,000 miles, £3995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**COPEL, Activtop 1.3**, 08/2008, red leather interior pas remote central locking rear spoiler dual exhaust pipes a/c on electric windows rear wind deflector front fog lights sports seats, grey metallic, delivery miles, £12370, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

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**GRAND MOVE**, v328hj, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, power steering, metallic paintwork, electric front windows, radio, red, £5000 miles, £2499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**MATERIA**, 08/2008, alloy wheels twin exhaust tinted glass a/c remote c/locking electric windows fog lamps reverse park sensors & much more!!!, dark red mica, delivery miles, £11,345, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**SIRION, 1.3 SE Hatchback** 5dr, Auto, 08/2008, pas remote c/locking electric windows alloy wheels parking sensors, black, 1,000 miles, £10,145, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**SIRION, 1.0 S Hatchback** 5dr, 08/2008, abs pas remote c/locking radio/cd player electric windows a/c on, silver metallic, 5000 miles, £3845, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**TERIOS, 1.3 Sport** Station Wagon 5d 1298cc, 05 2000, remote central locking, a.b.s, electric windows, electric mirrors, power assisted steering, twin air bags, of radio system, ac, side opening rear door, parcel shelf, FSH, metallic blue and grey, miles, £5795, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

## FIAT

**F500, SPORT**, g57c/f, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, drivers airbag, electric windows, leather interior, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, red, 3000 miles, £10495, Thames Group Turbridge Wells, Turbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

**BRAVO, DYNAMIC**, g107Sxw, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, climate control, drivers airbag, electric windows, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, metallic paint, blue, 7000 miles, £10995, Thames Group Turbridge Wells, Turbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

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**FIESTA, 1.4 TDCI GHIA**, 2007, insurance group 5 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels auto remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electric/mirrors folding rear seats from electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser leather seats passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking trip computer 1 owner service history, black, 10000 miles, £9000, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

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## HONDA

**ACCORD, 2.2 i-CTD** Ex 4dr, 978649, honda accord 2.2 i-ctd ex 4dr honda honda maidsstone drake & fletcher silver, 2007, 6000 miles, manual, diesel, 4 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £17389, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Turbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

**CIVIC, 1.4 SE**, 1265649, honda civic 1.4 se honda honda Turbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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**PICANTO, 1.1 ICE ME**, 2008, delivery mileage only remote central locking front electric windows abs alarm air conditioning radio/cd, metallic black, miles, £3995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

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**GS300, GS 300 SE**, 503461, remote alarm, central locking, full leather, electric seats, air bag, abs, power steering, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, cd player, climate control, electric windows, electric mirrors, 15" alloys, 13000 miles, £2990, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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**MAZDA2**, 007 Mazda - 1.5 Sport, 1279649, metallic paintwork, mazda 2007 mazda 2.1.5 sport mazda mazda ashford drake & fletcher met grey, 2008, 3500 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, grey, £10995, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Turbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

**MAZDA3, 1.6 Tsz** 5dr, 1277649, mazda mazda 3 1.6 tsz 5dr mazda mazda ashford drake & fletcher silver, 2006, 11800 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £9790, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Turbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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**230 SPORT KOMPRESSOR**, 1998, fantastic car with full ivory leather interior full sport pack. Mac/blue, 57,000 miles, £5980.00, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

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**COOPER, 1.6 3dr**, h550kl, multi-disc cd player, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, electric front windows, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, remote central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, retractable headrests, folding rear seats, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, power steering, trip computer, automatic electric windows, cd player, radio, stereo, 15" alloys, chill red white roof, 19321 miles, £10299, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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**MICRA, 1.0 E Sdr**, vK54Evy, abs, air bag, twin air bags, electric front windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, folding rear seats, power steering, radio, stereo, arctic white, 8608 miles, £5299, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

**NAVARA, DCI**, d658nc, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, electric windows, cd player, 3-person rear seat, 17" alloys, 4x4, load liner, aluminium silver, 40000 miles, £10495, Clearways Commercial, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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**PEUGEOT BOXER 350**, 06 2005, 2.8hd lx lwb h 1wd elac pack folding rear seats full size spare wheel, isofix child seat anchor points pas passenger airbag radio/cd rear headrests rear wiper remote central locking side airbags steel wheels steering wheel rake adjustment, grey, 25531 miles, £5495, WJ King Vauxhall, Rochester, 01634 727273 (TRADE)

**206, 1.6 S 2dr** Trip Auto, 1219649, peugeot 206 1.6 s 2dr trip auto mazda mazda maidsstone drake & fletcher black, 2003, 64000 miles, automatic, petrol, 2 doors, 2 previous owners, black, £5989, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Turbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

**206, 2.0CC**, 3895637, finished in silver with interior, silver, 47000 miles, £6495, Caffeys Turbridge Wells Vauxhall, Turbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

## PORSCHE

**911 CARRERA 4**, 2002, meridian silver with blue leather, 46000 miles, £29590, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**911 TURBO, 3.6 manual**, 2003, black metallic with black leather, 17800 miles, £49950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**KAYMAN, 3.4 S 2dr**, 3.4 s 2dr coupe, 26000 miles, £33995, Wilmoths Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

## PROTON

**PERSONA, 1.5 GLSi** Saloon 4d 1468cc auto, s 1999, electric windows, power assisted steering, drivers airbag, sunroof, remote mirrors, radio cassette, green, miles, £1995, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

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**MEGANE, DYNAMIQUE**, y, a lovely car in vgc, auto, elec s/r and windows, cd changer, spoiler tax may 09, mot apr 09, silver, 61800 miles, £1950, 01227 730808 (PRIVATE)

**MEGANE, 1.4 EXPRESSION** 5dr, 2003, 1.4 expression 5dr hatch, blue, 38897 miles, £4995, Masters Centre, Penze, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

## Saab

**9-3, LINEAR TD 1.9**, oct 2004 g543w, two previous keepers, power steering, air conditioning, electric windows, 6 speed gearbox, full service history, radio/cd player, adj. steering column, seat height adjuster, alloy wheels, silver metallic, 32,000 miles, £5,495, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE)



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**CORSA, 1.2DESIG**, h07bky, finished in silver with silver interior, silver, 8000 miles, £3890, Caffeys Turbridge Wells Vauxhall, Turbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**CORSA, VXR TURBO**, g07pjiy, finished in black with interior, black, 18000 miles, £13995, Caffeys Turbridge Wells Vauxhall, Turbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRA



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**Lecturer in Hospitality & Catering** Post Ref: 08/47  
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**Lecturer Basic Skills and ESOL** Post Ref: 08/91  
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**Lecturer in Chemistry** Post Ref: 06/182  
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**Lecturer Key Skills within Early Years and Public Services** Post Ref: 08/39  
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Salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

**Pre 16 Learning Support** Post Ref: 07/17  
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**Senior Learning Resources Officer** Post Ref: S3  
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**TRANSFORMATION:** Hadlow College has gone from making losses of half a million pounds to profits of £300,000 in just five years thanks to a more business-like approach

# College profits from lesson in enterprise

■ BY NICK AMES

FIVE years ago Hadlow College was facing bankruptcy and ruin – and with it would have gone the largest faculty specialising in rural sciences in the county.

Faced with an educational disaster it was left a stark choice – modernise or go under.

Sixty members of staff were made redundant, but new blood, the loyalty and dedication of the remaining employees and a business-based approach to learning led to the institution being named Large Company of the Year at the Kent Business Awards this month.

The financial mastermind behind the transformation was former City worker Mark Lumsdon-Taylor.

The college's finance director said: "In 2002 the college had suffered up to 15 years of neglect, lack of investment and dilapidation.

"There was still a spirit running through it –

something positive was still there when it came to learning but the organisation itself was a mess.

"Mismanagement from the top had been rife and the administration was a mess. Losses for that year were half a million pounds."

A new group at the helm, including Mr Lumsdon-Taylor and Principal Paul Hannan, realised they had to make a stark choice.

"Really it was transform or fold," said the finance director.

Grading from education chiefs revealed teaching standards to be all right – but most other factors were unsatisfactory.

Mr Lumsdon-Taylor said: "We made 60 people redundant – but kept on 40 more. They became the backbone of our success and we could not have done it without them.

"Replacing those let go were people with new

ideas and tremendous enthusiasm – but underpinning everything was the fact we were now running the college as a business.

"It was a business which transformed the lives of young people – and middle-aged and old people for that matter.

"But it was still run on proper financial lines."

As the college grew its intake by 25 per cent per annum so standards continued to improve as well, according to inspectors.

"That made us all really proud," said Mr Lumsdon-Taylor. "We have shown that an educational establishment can be run successfully as a business.

"It is one which posted a £300,000 operating profit last year and one which – because of its rural based studies and emphasis on the land – is important to the fabric of this county and the traditions and livelihoods which make it so special."

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## Gore Court pegged back at the top

GORE Court came an agonisingly five runs short of a win against Bromley as their lead at the top of the Kent League Premier Division was cut to just a single point.

Bromley batted first and racked up a competitive 209 all out, but in reply, the Sittingbourne side lost wickets at crucial times as they ended on 204-8, handing Bromley a winning draw.

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Alan Julian looks to displace Simon Royce as the Gills' number one stopper

# Duck and cover as Rodrigo rips through Sidcup

A DEVASTATING opening spell from Sandeep Rodrigo helped Rodmersham on their way to a nine-wicket triumph over Sidcup.

The visitors were skittled out for a paltry score of 102 and it could have been worse but for opener Kevin Mockler's defiant 46.

The Sidcup batsmen failed to withstand the onslaught from the Rodmersham bowlers as five of their batters registered ducks.

Rodrigo claimed superb figures of 5-25 from his ten overs and he proved unplayable at times for the visiting Sidcup batsmen.

The strike bowler was well backed up

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by Dylan Emmett (2-14) and Marc Bond (2-15) as the home side's bowlers were in complete control.

Emmett fell for 15 early on for Rodmersham, but an unbroken partnership of 51 from Dave Cogger (44 not out) and Bond (40 not out) saw their side home with almost 15 overs to spare.

Rodmersham are up to fourth place in Division Four after recording their fourth win of the season.

Next week Rodmersham face a tough task as they travel to High Halstow to take on the league leaders.



THAT'S OUT: Sandeep Rodrigo claims another wicket for Rodmersham

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Rodmersham CC - 1st XI v Sidcup CC - 1st XI

Sidcup	Runs	Rodmersham	Runs
Kevin Mockler b Azhar	46	Dylan Emmett b Robinson	15
Mat Kilbey ct Martin b Emmett	14	Dave Cogger not out	44
Phil Robinson b Rodrigo	0	Marc Bond not out	40
Tim Dawes ct Anisley b Rodrigo	0	Neil Hodgkinson did not bat	
Kim O'Mara c & b Rodrigo	0	Lee Jackson did not bat	
Tim Cook b Rodrigo	4	Jim Anisley did not bat	
Krishnamurthy ct Azhar b Rodrigo	0	Sandeep Rodrigo did not bat	
Nicholas Pike ct Anisley b Bond	5	Nazoomi Azhar did not bat	
Scott Noble b Bond	0	Tom Martin did not bat	
Thomas Beament not out	8	Jack Bayford did not bat	
Faisal Zaman ct Nokes b Emmett	15	Darren Nokes did not bat	
Extras (3b 4lb 3w)	10	Extras (4b 1lb 1nb)	6
Total (all out, 35.4 overs)	102	Total (1 wickets, 24.3 overs)	105

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Sandeep Rodrigo	10	2	25	5
Dylan Emmett	7	4	14	2
Darren Nokes	7	1	21	0
Marc Bond	7	1	15	2
Nazoomi Azhar	4	0	20	1

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Thomas Beament	6	2	21	0
Scott Noble	6	1	20	0
Kevin Mockler	6.3	1	40	0
Phil Robinson	5	1	19	1
Tim Dawes	1	1	0	0

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

### KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Minster CC - 1st XI v Linden Park CC - 1st XI

MINSTER slumped to their second defeat of the season with a disappointing display at home to Linden Park. The home side batted first and made a par score of 190 all out, just shy of their 50-over allocation. An opening stand of 87 between Neil Hosken (37) and Australian Henry Cooper (50) gave the Sheppey side a good platform, but only South African Nathan Nichol (43 not out) cashed in. Linden Park's Abhijit Kale (4-25) followed up his bowling exploits with a well made 51 not out to see his side home by seven wickets and with almost three overs to spare.

#### Minster

	Runs
Neil Hosken	c & b Kale
Henry Cooper	ct Waterfield b Harvey
Tariq Khan	ct Saunders b Kale
Andy Hosken	b Harvey
Joe O'Donoghue	b Kale
Craig O'Donoghue	ct Kale b Harvey
Nathan Nichol	not out
James White	b Kale
Mark Tucker	run out
Callum Hughes	lbw b Harvey
Martin Hammond	ct Davis b Williams
Extras	(10b 2lb 4w)
Total	(all out, 49.3 overs)

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
David Waterfield	10	0	50	0
Tom Williams	6.3	0	23	1
John Harvey	15	1	56	4
Fred Ball	3	0	23	0
Abhijit Kale	15	4	25	4

#### Linden Park

Tom Williams	ct Cooper b Nichol	47
Toby Johns	lbw b Hammond	31
Michael Brown	b White	28
Abhijit Kale	not out	51
Stuart Clarke	not out	21
John Harvey	did not bat	
Giles Mansell	did not bat	
Tom Davis	did not bat	
Fred Ball	did not bat	
James Saunders	did not bat	
David Waterfield	did not bat	
Extras	(9b 2lb 2w 2nb)	15
Total	(3 wickets, 47.1 overs)	193

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Nathan Nichol	15	2	43	1
James White	14	3	35	1
Martin Hammond	9	1	46	1
Henry Cooper	71	0	50	0
Callum Hughes	2	0	10	0

### KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

Old Elthamians CC - 1st XI v Macknade CC - 1st XI

MACKNADE suffered a disappointing defeat by 37 runs to Old Elthamians at the weekend.

After bowling the hosts out for 186, the Faversham-based side would have been confident of chasing down the runs, particularly with Gareth Abbott, fresh from a ton last week, among their ranks.

However, the majority of their batters never got going and it was only a partnership of 65 at the end between Phil Rowcroft (39 not out) and Peter Thompson (22) that made it quite close. Abbott had earlier claimed 4-38 and Thompson 3-24 for Macknade.

#### Old Elthamians

	Runs
Andrew Hammond	ct Taylor b Rignen 23
Dan Moore	ct Dear b Rowcroft 27
Dylan De Beer	ct Taylor b Abbott 48
Edward Thorogood	lbw b Thompson 19
Guy Heskins	b Abbott 11
Annam Sansudeen	ct Machin b Abbott 1
Ian Whalley	b Thompson 21
Charlie Robson	ct Machin b Abbott 12
Nick Johns	lbw b Thompson 1
Blaine Carey	ct Taylor b Rowcroft 6
Tom Scorgie	not out 0
Extras	(2b 3lb 5w 7nb) 17
Total	(all out, 48.1 overs) 186

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Jamie Rignen	15	5	35	1
Phil Rowcroft	14	4	45	2
Darryl Cook	4	0	39	0
Peter Thompson	9.1	2	24	3
Gareth Abbott	6	0	38	4

#### Macknade

	Runs
<b>Gareth Abbott</b>	ct Thorogood b Scorgie 11
<b>Andrew Machin</b>	lbw b Scorgie 9
<b>Scott Davenport</b>	ct Scorgie b Sansudeen 9
<b>James Jumper</b>	lbw b Carey 1
<b>Steve Taylor</b>	ct De Beer b Johns 27
<b>Vince Taylor</b>	ct Thorogood b Johns 5
<b>Will Dear</b>	ct Scorgie b Whalley 5
<b>Phil Rowcroft</b>	not out 39
<b>Peter Thompson</b>	ct Johns b De Beer 22
<b>Jamie Rignen</b>	ct Robson b De Beer 1
<b>Darryl Cook</b>	ct Thorogood b De Beer 0
<b>Extras</b>	(5 lb 5w 8nb) 20
<b>Total</b>	(all out, 47.2 overs) 149

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Tom Scorgie	8	2	46	2
Blaine Carey	10	4	17	1
Annam Sansudeen	7	3	21	1
Nick Johns	7	2	24	2
Ian Whalley	6	3	18	1
Dylan De Beer	5.2	1	16	3

### KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Walmer CC - 1st XI v Upchurch CC - 1st XI

UPCHURCH's youngsters continue to impress in Division Three as they claimed their sixth win in a row to extend their lead at the top. All the Upchurch bowlers contributed with Tim Mullis claiming 3-29, Jim Phillips 2-10, Andy Holmwood 2-23 and Daniel Parker 1-18.

In reply, the Upchurch batsmen made light work of their target as they reached 150-6 to win by four wickets. Michael Hales junior top scored with 32 and was ably supported by Phillips (24) and Chris Etherington (20). Upchurch play Minster at home this weekend.

#### Walmer

	Runs
Andrew Furness	ct Taylor b Holmwood 12
Mark Birckett	run out 9
Andy Birckett	b Parker 18
Stuart Butler	b Holmwood 42
Mark Parnell	ct Taylor b Mullis 8
Rod Cotton	ct Little b Mullis 8
Alex Butler	ct Etherington b Mullis 18
Graeme North	b Phillips 9
Barry Green	ct Parker b Phillips 7
Peter Huntley	not out 8
Paul Buttion	not out 7
Extras	(7b 2lb 10w) 19
Total	(9 wickets, 50 overs) 148

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Daniel Parker	7	2	18	1
Andy Holmwood	10	1	23	2
Tim Mullis	15	4	29	3
Michael Hales jr	15	0	59	0
Jim Phillips	3	0	10	2

#### Upchurch

		Runs
<b>Jim Phillips</b>	b Parnell	24
<b>Chris Etherington</b>	ct Furness b Parnell	20
<b>Lee Taylor</b>	lbw b North	18
<b>Michael Hales jnr</b>	b Huntley	32
<b>Daniel Parker</b>	b Parnell	19
<b>Sam Bewick</b>	ct Furness b North	3
<b>Michael Hales</b>	not out	16
<b>Dean Headley</b>	not out	1
<b>Warren Little</b>	did not bat	
<b>Tim Mullis</b>	did not bat	
<b>Andy Holmwood</b>	did not bat	
<b>Extras</b>	(6lb 11w)	17
<b>Total</b>	(6 wickets, 37.4 overs)	150

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Barry Green	8	1	27	0
Andy Birckett	4	0	28	0
Mark Parnell	6	1	31	3
Peter Huntley	11.4	2	27	1
Graeme North	8	1	31	2

### KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

RACS CC - 1st XI v Bapchild CC - 1st XI

BAPCHILD suffered a terrible day at the office as they were hammered by 138 runs at the hands of RACS.

The home side racked up an imposing 253-6 from their allocation with all the Bapchild bowlers struggling to come to terms with a good batting track. Matthew Roache, with figures of 1-41, was the pick of the Swale side's attack but none of the bowlers was able to deal with Harry Purbrick who scored an excellent 103.

In reply, Bapchild lost wickets on a regular basis with only captain John Heatley (26) hanging around long enough as they slumped to a disappointing 105 all out.

#### RACS

	Runs
<b>Robert Donnelly</b>	b Marsh 8
<b>Harry Purbrick</b>	run out 103
<b>Simon Durling</b>	b Matt Lewis 47
<b>David Clark</b>	ct Marsh b Roche 34
<b>Ian Bowler</b>	run out 6
<b>Christopher Webb</b>	ct Dale b Lewis 19
<b>Paul Lane</b>	not out 5
<b>Simon Dickie</b>	not out 5
<b>Josh Nwanaz</b>	did not bat
<b>John Ardley</b>	did not bat
<b>Luke Meadowcroft</b>	did not bat
<b>Extras</b>	(9b 9lb 8w) 26
<b>Total</b>	(6 wickets, 50 overs) 253

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Matt Lewis	12	1	73	2
Ian Marsh	14	3	54	1
Matthew Roache	14	5	41	1
Ben Fulton	7	0	43	0
Lincoln Bryden	3	0	25	0

#### Bapchild

	Runs
Adam Larking	b Webb 2
Lincoln Bryden	ct Clark b Webb 26
Ben Fulton	ct Clark b Dickie 23
John Heatley	b Purbrick 26
Ricky Dale	ct Ardley b Dickie 3
Matthew Roache	b Meadowcroft 1
Ian Marsh	ct Clark b Lane 1
Matt Lewis	b Webb 4
Andrew Trigwell	st Ardley b Purbrick 5
Nicholas Page	not out 0
Samuel James	b Purbrick 4
Extras	(1b 5lb 3w 1nb) 10
Total	(all out, 39.5 overs) 115

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Christopher Webb	14	2	29	3
Simon Dickie	13	4	45	2
Luke Meadowcroft	6	2	15	1
Paul Lane	3	0	10	1
Harry Purbrick	3.5	0	12	3

# Rowland brings cutting edge to Town campaign

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BY GLENN PEARSON

FAVERSHAM Town have pulled off a major coup with the signing of Maidstone United striker Lynden Rowland.

The 32-year-old rejected a deal to stay with the Stones after last season's campaign and has decided to link up with former United players Lee Shearer and Jimmy Strouts.

Town boss Justin Luchford confirmed the signing after the team met for pre-season training on Saturday and was delighted to beat off the advances of VCD Athletic and two other Ryman Premier sides for his signature.

Luchford told Yourswale: "We are obviously delighted we have got him. He won the Kent League and the Ryman South with Maidstone and has experience of the Ryman Premier."

"He is a goal scorer and has proved that over the years. What we probably lacked last season was a prolific striker and in Lynden we have that for the coming campaign."

The Lilywhites also signed former Herne Bay and Folkestone Invicta midfielder Aaron O'Leary and he joins new signings Dave Soutan, Lee Shearer, Kevin Readings and Roy Guiver.

Luchford and co-manager Strouts have lost



ON THE RUN: Lynden Rowland will boost the Lilywhites' firepower, while Dave Soutan helps stiffen the team's spine

captain Tom Hickman and defender Wes Hammond to Margate, but they are happy with their new squad ahead of pre-season friendlies with Dover and Gillingham.

Luchford said: "Losing Tom is a big blow and that means we will probably be on the look out for another midfielder."

"However, what I thought we missed last season was experience along the spine of our



team, but with Roy Guiver, Aaron O'Leary, Dave Soutan and Lynden Rowland, we have addressed that. We will probably be looking for another midfielder but we won't panic as I think we have a good enough squad."

"We are trying to build something and it will take time, but we want to be competitive next season and be fighting at the top half of the division."

## SUPERBIKES

### Byrne bites back to extend his lead

SHANE Byrne extended his lead at the top of the British Superbike Championship to 97 points after the Mallory Park round.

The Sheppey rider claimed a first and second place finish at the weekend to confirm his position as the man to beat this year.

Byrne was fifth as the leading group moved away from the rest of the field. He then picked off the Suzuki and two Hondas, eventually taking the lead on lap 26 and claiming his eighth win of the season.

In the second race he made his way up the field to finish behind Michael Rutter.

He said: "If somebody had told me I was going to come away from Mallory Park with a win and a second place I would have bitten their hand off, so I am pleased."

Round seven of the championship is at Oulton Park on Sunday, July 20.

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# Kapil Dev makes return to Tunbridge Wells to remember record knock

ONE of the world's all-time legendary all-rounders made a return to a Kent ground this week, 25 years after scoring the fastest ever one-day century at the 1983 World Cup.

Indian Kapil Dev blasted an unbeaten 175 from 138 balls in the semi-final win over Zimbabwe at the Nevill Ground in Tunbridge Wells. His century off 72 balls was the world record at the time and helped his team recover from 17-5 to go on and win the game and eventually the World Cup.

The all-rounder, voted Indian cricketer of the century in 2002, remembers the ground fondly, mainly because it helped towards the highlight of his career.

He said: "It is fantastic to be back at Tunbridge Wells and you can't imagine that this was the ground that I got the record."

"I do not have much memory of the ground as

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we were in such a panic situation from the start. "Winning that World Cup was my fondest memory because at the time it brought kids in India back into cricket. I think the problem in this country is that people turn to football rather than cricket. I think there should be more people like Ian Botham as they are heroes and they would encourage more young people into the sport."

#### Future

The 49-year-old is now chairman of the executive board of the Indian Cricket League (ICL) – a Twenty20 competition which hit the headlines because it offers cricketers a chance to earn money similar to footballers.

Kapil is clearly a supporter of Twenty20 and believes it has breathed life back into the game. With billions of pounds being pumped into the sport in India and stadiums packed with supporters wanting to watch a three-hour, 20-over game, Kapil sees it as a revolution that will change the image of the sport.

"There is no sport in this world that can survive without the spectator," he said.

"If the spectator loves it then it is a great game. The same was said when one-day cricket and day/night cricket came out with older generations of players believing it would harm Test cricket."

"Let's look on the positive side, I hope Twenty20 gives something back to the one-day game because maybe in the future teams will score 400 runs in a 50 over game."

Kapil, who was the leading wicket taker in Test matches between 1994 and 1999, is a big fan of the modern game.

Although his swashbuckling style would have been perfect for the shorter forms of the game, he is amazed by the ability of the cur-

rent crop of international cricketers.

"The game has moved on quite a bit since I last played. There is quite a lot of innovation with these new shots being played."

"When I played, hitting over the cover area was the biggest thing, now we have the 'switch hit' shot and reverse sweeps and paddle sweeps. It seems every cricketer comes up with something new."

While he enjoys watching Sachin Tendulkar, Andrew Flintoff and Kevin Pietersen in action, there is still one player he regards as a true great.

"Viv Richards," he said. "He was the greatest entertainer and had a way of playing in which he would take charge on the field."

"In our own country, Sunil Gavaskar gave us all belief of how to play fast bowling when you don't have any fast bowlers in the country."

"I didn't see Gary Sobers playing and I didn't see Sir Don Bradman playing so I can't comment on them, but Viv Richards from our time was just the best. A man of his talents would love any form of the game, including Twenty20."



BEST: Dev was voted India's cricketer of the century in 2002

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